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OF THE

RECORD COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON,

CONTAINING THE

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES FROM 1764 THROUGH 1768.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

A REPORT

OF THE

RECORD COMMISSIONERS.

The Twentieth Report of the Record Commissioners is a continuation, from the Nineteenth Report, of the Proceedings of the Boston Selectmen, covering the years 1764–1768. At the beginning of this period, much work to the selectmen was caused by the prevalence of small-pox. Up to July 1, 1764, it seems that 644 white persons were attacked and 102 died; 55 blacks were sick and 22 died. Inoculation was largely resorted to, and of 4,690 whites so treated 43 died; and of 287 blacks 3 died. The pestilence was, of course, a severe blow to the prosperity of the town.

Of minor topics, the schools and the fire department furnish some very interesting items. In the cause of morality, gaming was carefully prohibited; and in 1764 a luckless showman who exhibited the city of Jerusalem in wood-work, whereby he drew considerable sums from the inhabitants, was promptly suppressed, "as upon enquiry the Representation is not esteemed by Judges to be the work of Art and ingenuity, but rather an imposition on the public."

It seems appropriate to mention here, that during the present month the Bostonian Society has received, by the kindness of the Earl of Carlisle and the good offices of Hon. Edward L. Pierce, three water-color views of Boston as the town appeared at the date covered by this volume. The paintings were made by Capt. Richard Byron, R.N., in 1764,

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and by him sent to his sister, Isabella, wife of Henry, the fourth Earl of Carlisle. These pictures are respectively, views, from Fort Hill looking towards Long wharf; from the foot of Beacon street looking south over the Common to Dorchester: and from a point near Pinckney street on the hill, looking north towards Charlestown.

Such a recovery of the appearance of Boston prior to the Revolution is an event of the greatest interest to every local antiquary.

W. H. WHITMORE.

CITY HALL, BOSTON, Dec. 1889.

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK ELEVENTH. — *Continued.*

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jany 2^{d}, 1764.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^{r}. Williston having Reported to us that Joseph Bulkly Mate of Capt. Dobles Vessell who has been for some time sick of the Small Pox at his Fathers House died this Morning, the Select men thereupon gave M^{r}. Williston the following Directions concerning his Funeral, and wrote M^{r}. Bulkley the Father of the Deceased relative to his burial, and [**121.**] The airing and cleansing of the House Clothing &c.

Boston, January 2^{d}, 1764

M^{r}. Thomas Williston

Information having been given us that Joseph Bulkley who has been sometime sick of the Small Pox at his Fathers House near the Sign of the Schooner died there this Morning — Our Orders to you are; That as soon as may be the Corps be put into a Tarr'd Sheet and then into the Coffin, and that in the Dead of the Night you bury the same in a Grave at the North Burying Ground — You must take the utmost care in every particular relative to the Burial — when you take the Corps out, let a Man go before — at same distance to see that no Person liable to take the Infection be in the Way; Do not carry the Corps by Capt. Whites House, but up the Middle Way opposite D^{r}. Cutlers Church — We do not think it will be prudent to proceed on this Business untill after 12 O'Clock at Night You are to see the Guard still kept up at the Deceaseds House, and that the People therein continue their care, you must caution them not to burn those Things where in there is any infection; and if M^{r}. Hartley comes up with his Boat this Day he must in the Night take from the House all the Bedding and Cloths that have been about or made use of by the Deceased, and carry the same down to the Island, in order to their being sufficiently smoked & cleansed under his inspection.

[**122.**] Having received a Letter from the Select men of Con-

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cord relating David Tweed and Wife — the following Reply was given to it.

Gentlemen

We received yours of the 20^{t} of Decem^{r}. last, this Day in answer thereto we consent that you may send David Tweed and Wife to this Town, and they shall be admitted here unless upon examination by us it appears they are not Inhabitants

Your Humble Servants

THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 7, 1764.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis

M^{r}. Young the Keeper of His Majestys Goal for the County of Suffolk, attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that he had received a warrant from M^{r}. Justice Dana relative to Mary Robinson — which is as follows.

Suffolk —

To the Keeper of His Majestys Goal for s^{d}. County — Greeting

[**123.**] You are here by permitted to remove Mary the Wife of William Robinson now detain'd in the Goal upon suspicion of Theft from out of the said Goal to the Work house in Boston in the said County there to be safely kept; she being now pregnant, and apprehended to be very near the Time of her travail, untill she be delivered and in a fit Condition to be removed back again to the said Goal where you are to keep her untill she be discharged by due course of Law.

Given under my Hand & Seal this 5^{t}
Day of January in the Fourth Year of
His Majestys Reign Annoque Domini
1764

RICHARD DANA Just. Peace.

In consequence of the above the following Letter was sent M^{r}. Lazinby Keeper of the Work house by M^{r}. Young

M^{r}. Joseph Lazenby

Sir,

A Warrant for the removal of Mary Robinson now detain'd in Goal in this Town upon suspicion of Theft, to the Work house signed by Justice Dana having been shown us by M^{r}. Young Keeper of said Goal to whom it is directed. With permission of the Overseers of the Poor you may receive said Mary Robinson into the Work house on the Province Acco^{t}. she not being an Inhabitant of any Town within the Province, and being now pregnant & very near the Time of her travail.

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
two of the Selectmen.

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[124.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 9. 1764. ——
Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq

Mr. Williston who was sent down to Mr. Bulkleys to enquire what Methods had been taken to cleanse his House and guard against Infection — Reported — That the Room where the Sick lay, the Stair Case &c. had been washed two or three Times, and well smoked with Brimstone and Frankinsence both before and after washing

Voted, that the Watch be taken off Mr. Bulkleys House, and that he be Ordered to open the Windows at 12. oClock this Night, shutting them before Day, and that he repeat the same to Morrow Night. And that he be cautioned against admitting Persons into the House till the further Orders of the Selectmen. (A Copy of the aforegoing Vote was sent to Mr. Bulkley p. Williston)

Mr. Henderson Inches one of the Overseers of the Poor having represented to the Selectmen that Jacob Suber a Dutch Man was in suffering Circumstances, and moved for an Order to send him to the Almshouse, he not being an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province — An Order was given mr. Procter to receive him accordingly.

[125.] The following Return was made the Assessors of ye Town

Gentlemen

The following is a List of those Persons not Inhabitants of this Town, who are to be Rated, as they carry on Business, and keep Stores within the same.

Your Hum. Servants

SAMUEL HEWS
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
Selectmen of Boston

James Russell Esq.
Mr. John Soley
Ralph Inman Esq.
Mr. Thomas Bell
Thomas Goldthwait Esq. who hires Deer Island

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 11, 1764.
Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Capt. Hopestill Foster sometime ago apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to Erect a Building on the Towns Land, between Mr. Blakes the Sadlers Shop near the Fortification and the Pickets — Messrs. Scollay and Austin appointed a Committee [126.] To

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view said Land now Report — That as the above said Land lyes vacant and unimproved they think it adviseable for the Select men to let it to Capt. Foster at a certain Quit Rent so long as the Selectmen may think proper, or till such Time as they may order any Buildings he may Erect to be removed — whereupon —

Voted, That Capt. Hopestill Foster have the improvement of said Land on the Terms above specified, he keeping out the Sea and paying a Rent of ———— p. annum.

Whereas the Quit Rents for the Towns Lands near the Fortification improved by Messrs. Richards & Davis do lay in an uncertain state.

Voted, that Messrs. Scollay and Austin be a Committee to enquire into this Matter and Report as soon as may be

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 13, 1764. —

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[**127.**] It having been Reported to the Selectmen that the Small Pox had broke out at Mr. Adam's House in Fish Street opposite Dr. Mountforths Shop, two of the Selectmen vizt. Messrs. Austin and Scollay were appointed to visit said House and enquire into this Matter; who having performed that service Reported, that Mrs. Adams had the Small Pox as was Represented, and having endeavoured but in vain to persuade her to consent to her being removed to the Hospital at New Boston they had ordered Mr. Adams to shut up his House immediately, and to send away from thence those of his Family who were liable to take the Distemper — they also Reported that Mrs. Adams had declared, that she had not been out of her Chamber for five Weeks past, neither had she been seen by more than two Persons except those of the Family during her confinement and could make no conjecture how she had taken the Infection.

Mess. Scollay and Austin a Committee appointed the 11t. Instant relative to the Towns Quit Rent for Lands near the Fortification Report — That they had been on the Spot, and had seen Mr. Pierpoint, and do find that he pays Forty Shillings p. annum for the Towns Land between Mr. Davis's Shop, and the Pickets at the Fortification — that the Land at the West side of the Street, improved in part by Mr. Richards and Mrs. Blake, and part as yet unimproved, is of near the same Dimensions with the Land to the Eastward of the Street improved by Mr. Pierpoint; that Mr. Richards [**128.**] Pays for the Land he improves but two Shillings and eight Pence p. Annum; that Mrs. Blake has not as yet paid anything — that it is the mind of the Committee, the Quit Rent for the Land at the West of the Street ought to be as much as is that to the Eastward, and that they had desired Mr. Richards to wait on the Selectmen on Wednesday next in order to have this affair settled.

The Selectmen being informed that Dr. John Perkins had

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visited the Person now sick with the Small Pox, desired his attendance, and when present they made him the offer of attending the Sick as her Physician, which he thought proper to decline.

The following Orders was given Mr. Ichabod Williston relative to the House where the Small Pox has broke out.

Boston, January 13. 1764

Mr. Ichabod Williston

The Small Pox being at Mr. Adams's House in Fish Street near Dr. Mountforths Shop Our Orders to you are —

That you keep Watch at said House where we have directed a Flag to be put out; you are to suffer no Person to go in or out of the same except the Doctor what Necessaries are wanted for the Family must be got to them as well as you can — you must not leave the Watch [**129.**] Untill 11 O'Clock at Night nor fail attending again by Day-break — We expect you behave with great care and faithfulness as the safety of the Inhabitants will much depend upon it, and upon your so doing, we shall make you a proper allowance for your services.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 14, 1764 —— A.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq

Information having been given the Select men by Dr. Pecker, that a Negro Gairl of Mrs. Dommetts who dwells in Fish Street opposite to Mr. Bulkleys House has the Small Pox out upon her, and that two of her Children were complaining — Messrs. Austin and Sewall were appointed to wait upon Mrs. Dommett, and use their endeavors that the sick may be removed to the Hospital at New Boston, who having from her reported that they could not persuade her to suffer any one of the Family to be removed, and that in consequence of this refusal, they had Ordered her to shut up her House and put [**130.**] Out a Flag as a signal of Infection.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 14, 1764, P.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Thomas Anderson came to the Selectmens Chamber & informed them, that it was supposed his Child, about Seven Years of Age, had the Small Pox out upon her, that he dwelt in a House near the Old North Church, lately occupied by Joseph Gardner Esq. — whereupon the Selectmen used many Arguments with the said Anderson to procure his consent for the removal of his Child to the Hospital, at New Boston, but in vain. Orders were therefore given him to shut up his House, and put out a Flag as a signal of Infection;

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Carpenters were also sent to shut and barr up the Passage Ways to said House as was done to those leading to & from Mrs. Dommetts in Fish Street.

David Lenox Junr. Appointed a Watch at Mrs. Dommetts House and Orders given him accordingly.

The Town Clerk was directed to write Mr. Justice Ruddock desiring him to grant a Permit to Mr. Adams the Carpenter for his working on the approaching Sabbath or Lords Day [**131.**] That so Fences and Barrs may be immediately erected and placed to prevent Peoples passing and repassing the Houses infected with the Small Pox.

Mr. David Osborne appointed a Watch for Mr. Andersons House near the Old North Church, and Orders given him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 15 1764. Sabbath Evening

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Voted, that the following Advertisement be published in all the News Papers.

The Publick are hereby Notified that the Small Pox is now but in three Families in this Town. vizt. Mr. Benjamin Adams's — the Widow Dommetts and Mr. Thomas Andersons all in Fish Street, in the Neighbourhood of the Old North Church.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[**132.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 16. 1764. A M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Warren living in Fish Street came to the Selectmens Chamber, and acquainted them with his Wifes having the Small Pox — that as she had been confined to her Chamber for about two months past, he could not conjecture how she had taken the Infection, unless it was the Night Mr. Bulklys Corpse was carried by the house for Burial, when she was persuaded that she had the Smell of the Small Pox ——

The Selectmen not being able to persuade Mrs. Warren to consent to her being removed to the Hospital at New Boston — Ordered the House to be shut up, and a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection — Carpenters were also sent to Bar and Fence up the Passages to and from said House.

Mr. John Gray appointed a Watch for Mr. Warrens House in

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Fish Street, and the Town Clerk is directed to give him his Orders.

Information was given the Select men by Dr. Cast, that [133.] One Hallet who came from Newfoundland a Month past, and Boards at Mrs. Nicholsons in Fitches Alley, has the Symptoms of the Small Pox upon him — whereupon the Select men endeavour'd to perswade him to consent to his being removed, and having obtain'd such consent, he was accordingly removed in the Sedan to the Province Hospital at New Boston.

Information was given the Select men by Dr. Cast that one Hall in a House at Paddys Alley, near Mr. Balls has the Small Pox out upon him, but not being able to obtain his consent for a removal — Orders were given for the House to be Shut up, and a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection — Carpenters were also sent to Bar & Fence up the Passages to said House.

Mr. Timothy Deen appointed a Watch for Mr. Hall's House in Paddys Alley, and the Town Clerk is directed to give him his Orders.

Information was given the Selectmen by Dr. Pecker that Mr. Labree in a House near the Revd. mr. Elliots Church was taken down with the Small Pox — whereupon two of the Selectmen vizt. Messrs. Scollay & Austin, went to the House and endeavoured to persuade him to be removed to the Hospital but in vain, his not consenting thereto owing chiefly to the advice of the Neighbours, whose Clamers were great when the [134.] Sedan was brought to receive him.

The Selectmen Appointed Dr. Myles Whetworth to take the Charge of the Province Hospital New Boston, as Physician to the Sick that may be sent there from time to time; and also agreed with him to provide and furnish the Patients with what Provisions and Medecines may be necessary, and that he does not suffer the Sick to want anything for their Comfort while under his care.

The following Advertisement was this Morning sent to the several Printers.

The Public are hereby Notified, that the Small Pox is now in Five Familys in this Town. Vizt. At the Widow Dommetts, Mr. Benjamin Adams's, Mr. Thomas Anderson, and Mr. Daniel Warrens, all in Fish Street, in the neighbourhood of the Old North Church; and at Mr. Benjamin Labrees near the Revd. mr. Elliots meeting House.

By order of the Select men
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Information ————

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 16. 1766 (*sic*). P.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[135.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Information was this Afternoon given the Selectmen that a Son of the Widow Trefoys next Door to Mrs. Dommetts House, was

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this Morning taken down with the Small Pox — and that a Negro Boy of Capt. Matchets, who lives next Mrs. Trefoys, has the Symptoms of that Distemper upon him.

The Select men having received a Message from the Honourable the House of Representatives now sitting in this Town, requiring them to Report to the House the true state of the Town relative to the Small Pox; in obedience to said Order, made the following Report.

That Mr. Bulkley who came from Newfoundland was taken down at his House near the Sign of the Schooner Decemr. 21. and deceased 14 Days past.

Mrs. Adams in Fore Street near Dr. Mountforths taken down on Fryday last.

A Negro girl at the Widow Dommetts in the same Street near the Sign of the Schooner taken down with the Distemper on Satturday last, and two Children now complaining in said House.

[**136.**] A Boy of about Seven Years old at Thomas Andersons in the same Street at the Corner of the Lane leading to the old North Meeting House taken with it Satturday last.

Mr. Warren in the same Street next door to Dr. Clarks taken down this Morning.

Mr. Labree in Middle street a few Doors below the Revd. mr. Elliots Meeting House taken down this morning.

Mr. Hallet a Stranger in Fitches Alley near the Market removed this Morning to the Hospital at New Boston on suspicion of having the Distemper.

Mr. Hall in Paddys Alley near the Draw Bridge taken down this Morning.

A Lad at the Widow Trefoy's next Door to Mrs. Dommetts taken this Morning.

A Negro Boy at Capt. Matchets next Door but one to Mrs. Trefoys, has the Symptoms of the Distemper.

The above is all that has as yet come to our knowledge.

THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJE AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
NATHL THWING
Select men of Boston.

Boston Jany. 16. 1764

To the Honble. the Speaker of the Honble. the House of Representatives.

[**137.**] Mr. Michael Ash Appointed a Watch for Mr. Labree House near the Revd. mr. Elliots Meeting House, and the Town Clerk is directed to give him the necessary Orders.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jany 17. 1764. ——

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.

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Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Capt. Deane came to the Selectmens Chamber and informed them that one of his Children has the Small Pox at his House on Colemans Wharff, and that he had remov'd his other Children from said House. — As the Select men could not perswade them to consent that the Sick Child should be also removed, Orders were given that the House be shut up, and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection.

Mr. Samuel Ober appointed a Watch for Capt. Deans House, and Orders given him in the common form.

[Here ends the eleventh volume.]

[NOTE. — The Twelfth Volume of the Selectmen's Records begins January 17, 1764, evidently a continuation of the foregoing meeting. It comprises five parts, each with a separate pagination and a manuscript index. It closes abruptly, although the volume was not full. — W. H. W.]

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK TWELFTH.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 17. 1764.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen by D^{r}. Doubt that a Servant of M^{r}. Bradfords at his House on Edmons Wharff had the Small Pox out upon him. — whereupon M^{r}. Lewis one of the Selectmen went to his House and endeavoured to get his Consent for the removal of his Servant, but could not obtain it — Orders were therefore given that the House should be shut up, and a Flag put out as a signal Infection.

M^{r}. Peter Curtis appointed a Watch for M^{r}. Bradfords House, and the following Orders were given him

Boston January 17. 1774.

M^{r}. Peter Curtis

The Small Pox being at M^{r}. Bradfords House on Colmans Wharff, We hereby Appoint you a Watch for said House, and our Directions to you are, that you suffer no Persons to go in or out of said House except the Doctors; Any Necessarys that may be wanted for the Family, you are to get into them as well as you can. — You must not leave [2.] The Watch until 10 O'Clock at Night, nor fail attending again by Day break. We have Ordered a Flag to be put out as a Signal of Infection in ye House; and we depend on your behaving with great care and faithfulness in your Watch as the safety of the Inhabitants will much depend upon it, and on your so doing we shall make you a proper allowance for your services.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 17. 1764. P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

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There having been diverse false Reports propagated relative to the removal of Mr. Bulklys Bed and Bedding, who died of the Small Pox — The following Affidavite of Mr. Hartley and Williston who were employ'd in that service have been taken and are as follows — Vizt.

Boston January 17. 1764.

I Thomas Hartley of lawful Age do hereby Testifie and declare, that by directions from the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, I came up to Town on the fourth of this Instant, and about 2 O'Clock on said Day, the Bed & Bedding used by Capt. Joseph Bulkley in the Time of his Sickness of the Small Pox was in the most careful manner delivered on board of my Boat, and did not lay at all on the Wharff, but was directly put into the Cuddy of said Boat, and the Door of said Cuddy was immediately shut, and the said Boat was immediately put off from the Wharff and made the best of my way down to Rainsfords Island, and did not stop at any Wharff or else where

THOMAS HARTLEY.

Suffolk ss. Boston January 17. 1764

Then Mr. Thomas Hartley personally appeared and made solemn Oath to the truth of the above deposition subscribed by by him, taken at the desire of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston

Before me

BELCHER NOYES Justice of Peace

A true Copy

Att. WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

Boston January 17. 1764

I Thomas Williston of Boston and of lawful Age do hereby testify and declare That by direction from the Selectmen of said Town on the fourth of this Instant at 2 O'Clock in the Afternoon of said Day; the Bed & Bedding used in the Time of the Sickness of Capt. Joseph Bulkley of the Small Pox being carefully done up together was delivered by the Watchmen or Guard appointed at said Buckleys House to two Persons belonging to Mr. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Pest House on Rainsfords Island, and was instantly put on board the Boat of said Hartleys sent up for that purpose, said Bed or Bedding did not lay upon the Wharff, but was with the utmost dispatch put on board said Boat which could not in point of Time exceed two Minutes before it was put on board said Boat; And the utmost care was taken that the Street and Wharff at the same Time should be clear of any Persons that might be exposed by the infection, and there was no one Person in view at that Time to the best of my knowledge, for all which care and caution special direction was given for that purpose by the Selectmen. As to the Report that one of Mr. Dommetts Family saw the Bed, said Person was sent into the House before said Bed was taken out of the House, nor was it carried by said Dommetts Gate, but down the Town Slip opposite to said Buckleys Door, and instantly put on board the Boat.

THOMAS WILLISTON

Suffolk ss. Boston Jany. 17, 1764

Then Mr. Thomas Williston Personally appear'd and made

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Solemn Oath to the truth of the within written deposition subscribed by him taken at the desire of the Selectmen

before me

BELCHER NOYES Justice of Peace

A true Copy

att. WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk

[3.] Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen to receive into that Hospital on the Province Charge one Patrick Kenally who came from Hailifax in Capt. Bean, he having a lame Leg, and nothing where with to support himself

Mr. Foye Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston was Ordered to receive Elizabeth Carver, sent there on suspicion of having taken the Small Pox; she having imprudently made a visit to Mr. Labree who is extreamly ill with that Distemper.

Information was given the Selectmen that it was suspected the Small Pox was at Mr. Ichabod Willistons House, in Marlborough Street, whereupon one of the Selectmen went to said House taking Dr. Cast with him, and found that one of his Children had the Distemper, and four others were to have it. The Selectmen having persuaded Mr. Williston to consent that his Wife & Children should be removed to the Hospital at New Boston, it was accordingly done at 12. OClock this Night.

Mr. Williston having Reported to us that Mrs. Adams who has been for a few Days sick of the Small Pox, died this Evening — the following Orders were given him.

Boston, January 17. 1764

Mr. Thomas Williston

You having Reported to us [4.] That Mrs. Adams who has been for some Days past sick of the Small Pox, died this Evening, Our Orders are that you get the Corps into a Tarr'd Sheet and Coffin as soon as may be, and that in the dead of the Night you bury the same in a Grave — take the utmost care in the burial in every particular — let a Man go before the Corps to give notice to anyone that may be passing — those who carry the Body or enter the House to receive the same must not fail shifting and cleansing themselves. The Guards must be still kept up at the House, and those within must take care not to burn anything that has Infection — We shall give you farther directions as to the Bed, Bedding and Things in the House.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Tuesday Night 11 OClock

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jany. 18, 1764, A.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen that Mr. Pease and two of his Children were taken with the Small Pox at their House near

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the Rope Walks, and a little above Mr. [5.] Paxtons House — As He would not consent to a removal Orders were given that the House be shut up, and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection; and Mr. John Ware was appointed a Watch for said House, who had Orders given him in the usual form.

Mr. Warner living in Fish Street informed the Selectmen that two of his Children were this Morning taken down with the Small Pox, and that he had one other Child liable to the Distemper, — As he would not consent to their being removed directions were given, that the House be shut up, and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection.

Daniel Donnaley Appointed a Watch at the above House, and the Town Clerk was directed to give him his Orders accordingly.

Dr. Doubt this Morning the Selectmen that one Gardner living at the Widow Jervis's House near the North Battery, was taken with the Small Pox, He had it bad and is in poor suffering Circumstances — whereupon the House was shut up, and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection — Application was made to Mr. Whitwell one of the Overseers to supply the Necessarys, that may be required for the Sick Person.

Mr. Mc. Larry was Appointed a Watch for Mrs. Jervis's House and the Town Clerk was directed to furnish him with the necessary Orders.

[6.] John Sergeant Appointed a Watch for Mr. Adams House, and he had Orders given him in the usual form.

Information having been given the Selectmen that an Infant of Mrs. Adams's who deceased with the Small Pox, was suffering for want of a Breast immediate enquiry was made for a Wet Nurse, and one was found at Mr. Tuckermans who had a good Breast of Milk, who at the request of the Selectmen readily parted with her upon Condition that she should be returned to his Family when he acquainted them that he wanted her. The Nurse whose Name was Burnet was accordingly sent to Mr. Adams's House to take the care of his Child.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Janry. 1764. P.M.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Dr. Cast informed the Selectmen that a Child of Mr. Nazaro's living in Fish Street, has the Small Pox out upon him — as He would not consent that it should be removed to the Hospital; Orders were given, that the [7.] House be shut up immediately, and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection — James Martin was appointed a Watch for said House, and the Town Clerk was directed to give him his Orders.

Ichabod Williston appointed a Watch for the Hospital at New Boston, and the Town Clerk was directed to give him his Orders.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 19, 1764.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent Messrs. Drapers this Morning for a place in his Paper.

Boston, Jany. 19, 1764. 10 Clock A.M.

The Public are hereby Notified that the Small Pox is now in fourteen Houses in this Town all of which are situated in Fish Street near where the first Person who had the Distemper dwelt, except M^{r}. Labrees by Rev^{d}. Andrew Elliots Church, M^{r}. Halls in Paddys Alley North of Mill Bridge, M^{rs}. Jervis's near the North Battery and M^{r}. Peases at the [8.] Head of Greys Rope Walk; at all these Places Flags are put out, and Guards placed to prevent a further spread of the Infection

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

M^{r}. Edward Ireland appointed an Out-Guard as a further precaution against the spread of the Small Pox, and the following Orders were given him.

Boston, January 19. 1766. [*sic.*]

M^{r}. Edward Ireland.

It being of the utmost consequence that Endeavors should be still used to prevent the further spread of the Small Pox. We have appointed you an Out-Guard, and you are to take your Station near D^{r}. Clark's House, and our directions to you are that you examine every Person passing by you, whether they have had the Small Pox, and if they answer that they have not had it, or you should suspect that they have not, you are then to prevent their proceeding by all proper methods. We depend upon your behaving with great care and faithfulness, in your Watch, and on your so doing we shall make you a proper allowance for your service.

By Order of the Selectmen.
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

[9.] M^{r}. McNear appointed one of the Out-Guards and his Station ordered to be by Deacon Tuders, and the same directions were given him, as was the other Out-Guard.

D^{r}. Cast informed the Select men that a Child of M^{rs}. Brights living in Fish Street was taken down with the Small Pox. As they would not consent to its being removed, Orders were given, that the House be shut up &c. And a Watch was appointed for said House the Watchmans name, Thomas Demerry.

The Select men being apprehensive that some of the inhabitants might go upon the practice of Inoculating their Familys, if the Infected House should come up to the number of twenty; it was thought proper to send the following Letter to M^{r}. Thom^{s} Cushing

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one of our Representatives, who is now at Cambridge where the General Court now sets on acco[t] of the Small Pox, being in Boston.

Boston January 19, 1764.

M[r] Thomas Cushing

Sir,

We find the Law which obliges the Inhabitants to inform the Selectmen when the Small Pox breaks out in their Familys, is of no force so soon as twenty Familys are infected with it; Now as this Distemper is but in few Houses except [10.] the Neighbourhood in Fish Street, we apprehend that there should be Twenty Familys Infected yet it might be at least check'd for some length of Time should our care be continued, otherwise Persons will immediately go into Inoculation and spread it all over the Town as soon as that Circumstance takes place. We therefore refer it to you and the rest of the Boston Seat whether it may not be expedient to have something done by the General Court respecting this matter immediately. This comes to you by an Express who will bring us an answer. We are

Your Brethren in Office & Hum. Serv[s].

JOHN SCOLLAY.
BENJAMIN AUSTIN.
SAMUEL SEWALL.
EZEKIEL LEWIS.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jan[y]. 19. 1764. P.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Letter is in answer to the above wrote M[r] Cushing

Cambridge, Jan[y] 19. 1764

Gentlemen

I have communicated your Letter [11.] to the Boston Members and they think it not adviseable to make any new Provisions relative to the Small Pox, unless the mind of the Town was known on this Head, we earnestly desire your best care to prevent the Infections spreading

Your Humble Servant

THOMAS CUSHING

To The Select men of Boston.

M[r]. Petit living in Fish Street informed the Selectmen that his Child was taken with the Small Pox, As he could not be persuaded to consent to a removal — He was directed to shut up his House and put out a Flag as a signal of Infection.

M[r]. Philip Carrel appointed a Guard for the above House, and Orders were given him in the common form.

The Town Clerk was directed to give M[r]. David Osborne one of the Guard, an Order upon M[r]. Alexander Boyes for four feet of Wood.

M[rs]. Priscilla Fowle was sent by the Selectmen to M[r]. Jervis's

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House, as a Nurse for Mr. Gardner who has the Small Pox there, and is in want of proper help.

It having been Reported to the Selectmen that Mr. Chase living in Frog Lane has the Small Pox, and that it was suspected he had received the same by Inoculation [12.] Dr. Whitworth was immediately sent for & directed to see said Person and examine into the Ground of this Report.

Dr. Whitworth attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that agreeable to their Directions he had seen Mr. Chase and can assure them that there is nothing in the Report of his having the Small Pox or being Inoculated.

Dr. Cast informed the Select men that Mr. Green in Black Horse Lane has a Servant Boy sick of the Small Pox; as he could not be perswaded to consent to his being removed, the Shop was ordered to be shut — a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection — and Mr. Michael Ryan was appointed a Guard for said House and Orders given him accordingly.

Mr. Whitcomb the Watch at Mrs. Trefoys House having behaved in a noisy turbulent manner — Mr. Williston was directed to acquaint him, that the Selectmen had dismissed him from that service.

The following was wrote Mr. Cushing in reply to his Letter entred on the other side.

Boston January 19th 1764

Mr. Thomas Cushing

Sir

We received yours but still we are of the mind that it is of the utmost importance that something should be done by the Court concerning what we wrote you, its possible by the continuance of our [12¼.] Power although twenty Families should be taken down we may yet stop the progress of the Infection, at least so far as to keep it back for some Time; the advantage of which to the Town has often been mentioned by the most approved Physicians. All we aim at is to have the power only for the present immergency: The situation of the Small Pox now is very different from what it ever was, it being so much in Families that are all in a Cluster, and probably they may all get through without spreading it fnrther, as People are now more cautious themselves than they were at first, We would have you show both the Letters, to the Secretary and consult him upon them, If anything is done you must do it immediately as there is seventeen Familys down and People stand ready to Inoculate

Your Humble Servts.

John Scollay
Benjamin Austin
Samuel Sewall
Ezekiel Lewis
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Jany. 19. 1764

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the difficultys the Inhabitants must be under for want of Wood and other Firing if the Small Pox should spread before the Spring advances; ap

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pointed Mr. Lewis to visit the several Wharfingers and to desire them not to let more [12½.] Than four or six Feet of Wood be carried to any one Person that no such Families as are now in want may have a present supply.

The Selectmen wrote Mr. Cushing the state of the Town with respect to the Small Pox, and desired him to lay the same before the General Court now sitting at Cambridge.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 20, 1764. A.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Petit attended, and informed the Selectmen, that the Doctors who had just now visited his Child, which was supposed to have the Small Pox, are of Opinion, that it has not got that Distemper, and that its complaints were wholly occasioned by its Teeth; whereupon Orders were given to take down the Flag and dismiss the Guard.

The Select men having prevailed with Mr. Adams to consent that his Child should be removed from his House to the Hospital at New Boston, they at about 12. OClock that Night took Mr. Williston and a number of hands with the Sedan to said House, when they received the Wet Nurse and Child and carried them to said Hospital [13.] Those who remained of the Famiy were directed to continue Smoking and cleansing the House, Bed Bedding &c. untill the Selectmen are satisfied that they clear of Infection.

Messrs. Scollay and Austin went to Mr. Greens House to endeavor the removal of his Servant to the Hospital, provided it was the Opinion of the Physicians that it might be done without endangering his Life. Dr. Whitworth and Cast were the Gentlemen consulted, the latter was of the mind that a removal must endanger Life, the former declared that if it was a Child of his own he would remove it, and that the safety of the Town required its being done — Those Gentlemen then waited upon his Honor the Lieutenant Governor who in the Morning had offered Mr. Austin to issue a Warrant for the removal of the aforesaid Person, and acquainted him with the Opinion of the Doctors, and that the Lad himself as well as his friends were quite averse to his being removed — They then desired his Honors Opinion upon the Case, but he seemd diffident as to the power of the Selectmen to remove him under such Circumstances — His Honors Opinion was likewise desired as to the Power of the Selectmen to Impress any House that may be occupied, or to remove Persons who had not had the Small Pox, out of their own [14.] Houses to others without their consent, when they should apprehend, that the safety of the Town required it. But his Honor declined giving a sudden answer on this head.

Mess. Ryan & Carrol were appointed a Watch for Mr. Greens House, and the Town Clerk was directed to give them Orders in writing as usual.

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Information having been given the Selectmen that Mr. Gardner near the North Battery died this Morning of the Small Pox — the following Orders were given Mr. Williston relative to his buryal.

Boston, January 20, 1764

Mr. Thomas Williston

Information being given us that mr. Gardner near the North Battery who had been for some time sick of the Small Pox, died this morning. Our Orders are that you get the Corps into a Tarr'd Sheet & Coffin as soon as may be, and that between the Hours of 12 and 1 O'Clock this Night you bury the same in a Grave; let a Man go before the Corps at some distance to give notice to anyone that may be passing; Those who carry the Corps or enter the House to receive the same must not fail shifting and cleansing themselves — The Guard must still continue their Duty at the House, and you must direct those within not to burn anything that has Infection — Your utmost care is required in every particular.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

[15.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 20, 1764. P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Messrs. Scollay and Austin are Appointed to accompany his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, this Afternoon at 4 O'Clock, to Mr. Greens House in Black Horse Lane, where he has a Servant sick of the Small Pox, who cannot be removed in order to persuade those who inhabit the Infected House and have not had the Distemper, to move out of it, to some place of more safety, as also those in the Neighborhood who may be in like danger of taking the Infection, to do the same.

Messrs. Scollay and Austin Reported to the Selectmen that they together with His Honor the Lieuetent Governor had been at Mr. Greens House, and prevailed with the People there and in other Familys exposed, to remove, provided they can be any ways accommodated with Places to dwell in.

The General Court now sitting at Cambridge having this Morning in consequence of the Representation made to them by the Selectmen on the Yesterday; Enacted a Law to prevent the immediate spread of of the Small Pox in this Town, by a too hasty Inoculation. [16.] Voted, that Messrs Green and Russell be desired, that they immediately Print off One Thousand Copy's of said Law, and that the Constables of this Town, be directed to disperse the same amongst the Inhabitants on the Morrow.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 21. 1764. A.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

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Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Scammel attended and informed the Selectmen that a Servant of his had the Small Pox out upon him at his House near Mr. Pembertons Church — the Selectmen could not prevail upon him, to consent that his Negro should be removed, they therefore Ordered the House to be shut up, and a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection, and appointed Edward Dimpsey a Watch for said House, who had written Orders given him in the usual form.

The following Writing was delivered Mr. James Sherman.

Whereas Mr. James Sherman at the desire of the Selectmen has moved himself a Child for the present out of his Honse in Black Horse Lane that is infected with ye Small Pox. The Selectmen do agree to pay to said Sherman whatever extraordinary charge he may be at in so doing

JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

Boston Jany. 21. 1764.

[17.] The following Writing was given Mr. Isaac Massingham.

Whereas Mr. Isaac Massingham has at the desire of the Select men moved his Family for the present out of the House in Black Horse Lane that is infected with the Small Pox. the Selectmen do agree to pay the Rent of the House he goes from untill his return, and to pay the Expence of his moving his Family and Furniture to and from the House he is going into, and to pay the Expence of a Doctor, if there should be occasion for one.

JOHN SCOLLAY for himself & the rest of the Selectmen.

Boston Jany. 21, 1764

This Day the Selectmen inclosed in a Letter to Mr. Thomas Cushing, the present state of the Small Pox in this Town to be communicated to the General Court still sitting at Cambridge.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 21. 1764, P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

It being thought very necessary, for preventing the spread of the Small Pox, that Mr. Scammels Negro be [18.] Removed, the following Letter was sent Dr. John Perkins who attends said Servant.

Boston, Jany. 21. 1764

Sir. —

We received your information concerning Mr. Scammels Servant, his Master is averse to his being removed to the Hospital, we should be glad of your Opinion whether he may be removed without endangering his Life, and if its your mind we shall take

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it as a favor if you would use your Influence to persuade Mr. Scammel to it.

Your Humble Servants

THE SELECTMEN.

Dr. Perkins.

The Selectmen received a Letter from Dr. Perkins in reply to the above, acquainting them, that he had in complyance with their request endeavoured to perswade Mr. Scammell to consent to his Servant being removed, but without effect, he being still absolutely against its being done.

Dr. Doubt attended and informed the Selectmen that a Lad of Mr. Walters in Paddys Alley had the Symptoms of the Small Pox upon him. The Select men having obtain'd consent for his removal, he was accordingly removed this Day to the Hospital at New Boston.

Information was given the Selectmen that Mr. Andersons Son in Fish Street who has been some time sick of the Small Pox died this Day at Noon — where upon the following Orders were given Mr. Williston; relative to his Buryal [**19.**] and that of any others that may decease of the Distemper before the Guards are taken off the Infected Houses.

Boston. January 21, 1764.

Mr. Thomas Williston.

Mr. Andersons Son who has had the Small Pox for sometime past having deceased this Day & being apprehensive it may be the fate of some others now sick of the Distemper — Our Orders to you respecting the Buryals Are — That you get the Corps of all such into a Tarr'd Sheet and Coffin as soon as may be after their decease, and that between the Hours of 12 O'Clock at Night and 4 O'Clock in the Morning you bury the same in a Grave in one of our burying Grounds, such as die to the Northward of the Bridge at the North and others at the South Buryal places. Let a Man always go before the Corps at some distance to give notice to any One that may be passing — those who carry the Corps, or enter the House to receive the same, must not fail shifting and cleansing themselves, and you must caution those who belong to them, not to burn any Thing that has Infection — Your utmost care is required in every particular.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 22d, 1764. A.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.

[**20.**] Benjamin Austin Esq.

Samuel Sewall Esq.

Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen that a Negro Servant of Mr. Bradfords on Colmans Wharff died at 3 O'Clock this Morning — whereupon Mr. Williston was directed to put the Corps immediately into a Tarr'd Sheet & Coffin, and that the same be Interred this Night, he observing in every respect the Written Orders lately given him relative to such Buryals.

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The Select^{n} being informed, that M^{r}. Carrol one of the Watch appointed for M^{r}. Greens House in Black Horse Lane had behaved with negligence — M^{r}. Sweetser was directed to acquaint him that they had dismissed him from that service.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 22^{d}, 1764. Sabbath Evening.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Consent having been obtained therefor, M^{rs}. Gardner and her three Children were by direction of the Selectmen removed the last Night from M^{r}. Jervis House which was much infected, to the Hospital at New Boston on supposition that they had taken the Distemper.

[21.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 22^{d}. 1764

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Advertizement was sent the several Printers for a place in their Papers.

Boston January 23^{d}. 1764

9 O'Clock A.M.

The Public are herby Notified that there are now but thirteen Familys in Town in which any are sick of the Small Pox, at all these places Flags are kept out; Care is taken that those Houses in which Persons have died or from which they have been removed, should be so smoked and cleansed, as to prevent any Infection being received therefrom.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and Nine Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains, and Livelihood, which is computed, as follows — Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		7 -	8
Wheaten		11 -	4
Houshold		15 -	
Two Peny White Loaf		15	
[22.] Two Peny Wheaten Loaf	1 -	6 -	8
Houshold	1 -	14 -	
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	4 -	8
Houshold	5 -	11 -	8
Of Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	9 -	
Houshold		11 -	6
Four Peny Brick Loaf		1 -	11
N.B. 7 Biskets must weigh		1 -	14
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh		2 -	13

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 24, 1764. P.M.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

M^{r}. Williston informed the Selectmen that M^{rs}. Warren who has had the Small Pox at her House near the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Pembertons Church, died this Afternoon of that Distemper, whereupon M^{r}. Williston was directed to put the Corps immediately into a Tarred Sheet and Coffin, and that the same be Interred this Night, he observing in every respect the written Orders given him relative to such Buryals.

Information having been given the Selectmen [23.] that at about 5 O'Clock in the Evening, M^{r}. Labree died of the Small Pox at his House near the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Elliots church directions were given M^{r}. Williston to bury him immediately, agreable in every respect to his written Orders.

M^{r}. Brick and about ten other Persons all Heads of Familys dwelling at the North End of the Town, attended this Evening, when they represented to the Selectmen that they apprehended from the situation of their Houses in respect of the infected places, they were greatly exposed to receive the Small Pox in the natural way, which was now attended with great Mortality, unless they were permitted to Inoculate their Familys immediately they therefore prayed the Selectmen to take this matter into consideration and afford them the best advice under their present Circumstances.

The Selectmen having considered of the above acquainted M^{r}. Brick and the others with him, that as there was not that number of Familys infected with the Small Pox, which the old Law makes necessary before liberty be given to Inoculate, they could not especially as by the new Law the number was enlarged, grant them the liberty pray'd for.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 24. 1764.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
[24.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

M^{r}. Roach living at the bottom of Cold Lane acquainted the Selectmen that a Child of his about twenty Months old was taken with the Small-Pox M^{r}. Lewis together with D^{r}. Whitworth went to the House and used many Arguments to presuade the Mother to consent to its being removed, but in vain — Orders were then given that the House be shut, and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection, and Robert McNear was appointed a Guard for said House, and Directions given him accordingly.

Two Letters were this Morning sent Mr Thom^{s}. Cushing by M^{r}. Green who is imploy'd by the General Court now sitting at Cambridge, giving the State of the Town with respect to the Small

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Pox, and the following Memorial was inclosed him, to make such use of as he may Judge proper.

Province of Massachusetts Bay,

To His Excellency Francis Barnard Esq. Capt. General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majestys Province afores^d^. The Honble his Majestys Councils & the Honble House of Representatives in General Court [25.] Assembled at Cambridge in the County of Middlesex the twenty fourth Day of Jany. One Thousand seven Hundred & sixty-four.

The Memorial of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston in the County of Suffolk—

Humbly Sheweth

That God in his holy Providence is threatning to visit the said Town with a contagious and mortal Sickness, the Small Pox, which in its progress will be very distressing to the multitude of their Poor and nedy Familys, and the general Calamity will be greatly aggravated to them by their want of means to meet the Distemper in the most salutary way, or to supply themselves with such Necessaries without which they must suffer it any way that it may come upon them. Their Neighbors in better circumstances who must share with them the common distress, cannot afford that relief they were wont to at such Times, having been overdone with heavy Taxes, and many of them straightened by heavy losses. The Town Officers have no Fund to go to for their help, there being no money in the Town Treasury. The Taxes have been such for years past that what with the difficiency for *years past* from Abatements to Persons who have made it appear they were over rated on the Province Town & County Taxes which all [26.] Came out of the Town Tax; and what with the difficulty others have found in raising Money to pay their Assessment the Town is above twelve Months short of paying their necessary charges, whereof a great proportion is the maintenance of their Poor, for a considerable part of which the Town is now obliged pay Interest.

Under these distressing Circumstances give us leave to ask the Compassion of your Excellency and Honors to the Poor of the Town of Boston so far as to grant such a Sum of Mony to be put into the Hands of the Overseers of the Poor of said Town for their Relief as your Excellency and Honors may in your Wisdom Judge meet and your Memorialists shall in duty bound ever pray &c.

BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
NATHANIEL THWING
Selectmen of Boston

M^r^. Vose who Leased a Stall in the Market, came this Morning and acquainted the Selectmen, that being obliged on account of the Small Pox, he should not hold said Stall any longer.

The following Writing was given the Pebreenes for the Selectmen of Cambridge

Boston Jany. 20, 1764

Gentlemen

[27.] Charles Pebreen an Accadian his Mother and five

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Sisters have been assigned this Town, their fears of the Small Pox induced them to hire a House in Cambridge. If they should become a charge while with you we will receive them again or satisfy you for the same.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Boston, Jany. 24. 1764 P.M.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

On the seventeenth of this Instant one John Gray a Shoemaker in this Town, employ'd as a Guard at M^{r}. Mon Warren's House was sent for at half after 10 O'Clock at Night to assist in the removal of a Person to the Hospital, while waiting for that purpose he suddenly started up and told the Selectmen that he had seen M^{rs}. Adams who died of the Small that Evening; there was some resentment express'd against this behavior, and he was questioned, what could induce him to [28.] Go into an infected Chamber, he answered that he did it inadvertently upon hearing the Woman was dead, as he was upon an errand to the said Adams for Balm while he was thus interrogated M^{r}. Williston and others came in and give information to the same purpose from whence it was concluded that he would not have acquainted the Selectmen with his conduct had he not apprehended, it would be done by those Persons who had detected him; He consented to be smoked and cleansed, and the Watch at the Dock were ordered to take him and see it done effectually — he notwithstanding endeavour'd to make his escape but was prevented, he pretended that no Victuals had been given him that Day, and pray'd that he might go home and refresh himself, but was refused.

The next Day information was given by M^{r}. Thomas Williston that the Nurses at M^{rs}. Adams's particularly M^{rs}. Fennisee acquainted him that the said Gray came up into the Chamber where M^{rs}. Adam Corps lay telling them that the Selectmen had sent him to see M^{rs}. Adams, and going up to the Corps, he rubbed a Paper upon the Arm saying these are the Selectmens Orders, which behavior of his appeared to them very strange and extraordinary — Upon hearing this M^{r}. Sweetser was sent to enquire of m^{r}. Mon Warren whether he had sent the said Grey to M^{r}. Adams for Balm and whether he had refused him Victuals the Day before — To which Questions it was returned that the said Gray was not [29.] Sent for Balm; and that he had Chocolat in the Morning and Roast Beef at Noon given him. The said Gray coming to the Chamber for his pay just after this information was given was again detained, and Complaint made to M^{r}. Justice Dana as follows — Viz^{t}.

Boston January 18, 1764.

Sir,

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Boston enter our complaint

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against John Gray of this Town Shoemaker for that when he had offered himself as a Guard to prevent any Person entring into Mr. Daniel Mon Warrens House in which his Wife was sick of the Small Pox, did in direct violation of our written Orders leave his Station and enter into Mr. Adams House Just after his Wife deceased of said Distemper, and took hold of her Corps and as the Nurses say took his written Orders and rubbed them on the deceaseds Arm, and all as we apprehend with a malicious design to spread the Infection of the Small Pox

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

To Mr. Justice Dana

In consequence of the above the said Gray was sent to and now confined in the Stone Jayl.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 25. 1764.

[30.] Present
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Williston acquainted the Selectmen that a Child of Mr. Brights in Fish Street which had been sick of the Small Pox some Days past, died this Morning — whereupon Mr. Williston was directed to proceed in the buryal &c. agreeable to his Written Orders.

Mr. Abel Badger living near Charlestown Ferry informs the Selectmen that he had taken into his House as a Tenant one Godfrey and Wife.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 26 1764. A.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Advertisement was this Morning sent Messrs. Draper for a place in their Papers.

Boston January 26, 1764 9 o'Clock A.M.

Publick Information is hereby given that there are now but Eleven Familys in Town in which are any sick [31.] Of the Small Pox; at all these Places Flags are kept out, Care is taken that those Houses in which Persons have died, or from which they have been removed, should be so smoked and cleansed as to prevent any Infection being received therefrom

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

This Morning a Letter was sent Mr. Cushing at Cambridge giving

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him on account of the state of the Small Pox, in order to be communicated to the General Court.

Mr. Sergeant who had been imploy'd as a Guard at Mr. Adams's House in Fish Street was this Morning dismissed from that service, it being apprehended that from the care taken to smoke and cleanse the House the keeping up the Watch would be a needless expence.

Mr. Curtis who had been employ'd as a Guard at Mr. Bradfords House in Fish Street was this morning dismissed from that service, the House having been sufficiently smoked and cleansed.

Mrs. Labree whose Husband died lately of the Small Pox, was this Morning with her children removed to the Hospital at New Boston, she consenting thereto and the House having been well smoked and cleansed, Mr. Ash who had been imploy'd as a Guard was dismissed that service.

[32.] Mr. Williston informed the Selectmen that a Negro of Mr. Scammels living near the Revd. Mr. Pembertons Meeting House died last night of the Small Pox, whereupon the proper Directions were given for the Burial, of the Corps this Night.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 27, 1764 a.m.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis, Esq.

Mr. Dunn, employed as a Guard at Capt. Halls House in Paddys Alley informed the Selectmen that the said Hall had just died in a very sudden manner, whereupon Mr. —— Williston was directed to see that the Corps was put into a Tarr'd Sheet and Coffin, and that the same be buried this Night, agreable to the Written Orders given him for such Funerals. [Note in margin — "Mr. Dunn Dead of the Small Pox," probably a clerical error. W. H. W.]

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 27, 1764. P.M.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

[33.] The Selectmen being informed that a Child of Mr. Benjamin Eustis's who went with his Family to Cambridge that he might escape the Small Pox, was just brought to Town on suspicion of having that Distemper. Mr. Williston was sent to said Eustices's to enquire into the truth of the above Report, and found it to be as was represented, and that he would not suffer his Child to be removed from his House situated near the Mill Pond — the said child was removed from Cambridge to this Town by a

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Warrant from Governor and Council. A Flag was ordered out as a signal of Infection, and Nicholas Murphy was appointed a Watch for said House and Orders given him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany 28. 1764.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

This Morning the State of the Town with respect to the Small Pox, was forwarded to our Representatives at Cambridge to be laid before the General Court.

M^{r}. Thomas Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, having agreable to Order, brout up his Boat. M^{r}. Williston was directed to deliver to M^{r}. Hartleys People [34.] At 12 O'Clock at Night the Beds Bedding &c. from Messrs. Labree Gardner, Anderson, Bradford, Adams & Scammels Houses, that the same may be carried down to the Island for a more thorough airing and cleansing, all which were delivered the last Night in the most careful manner.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Sergeant for Two Pounds eight Shillings and eight Pence being for his Wages as a Guard at the Houses infected with the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Peter Curtis for Two Pounds, six Shillings and Eight pence being for his Wages as a Guard &c. at the Houses Infected with the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Michael Ash for Two pounds twelve Shillings being in full of his Wages as a Guard at the Infected Houses — p. Account.

A Draft was made on m^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favour fo Thomas and John Williston for Seven Pounds ten Shillings and eight pence being for Services in the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of David Lenox, for two Pounds, it being for digging ten Graves, for Persons who deceased with the Small Pox — p. Account

[35.] A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Holbrook for One Pound, six Shillings lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox — p. Acco^{t}.

Orders were given Messrs. Gardner, Scammel, Labree, Bradford, Anderson and Adams to open the Windows of their Houses this Night at 12 O'Clock and that they be shut again before Day.

Patrick M^{c}. Lary was directed to leave the Watch at M^{r}. Gardners House, it being apprehended the same is now free from Infection.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 29^{t}. 1764. Sabbath Evening.

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Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Last Night died and was buried Mr. Roachs Child whose House is at the bottom of Cold Lane, those precautions was taken in the Burial, by Mr. Williston which are enjoin'd him in his written Orders.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 30. 1764. A.M.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[36.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent the Printers this Morning to be published in their Papers of this Day.

Boston January 30. 1764 9 OClock A.M.

Publick Information is hereby given, that there are now but nine Familys in Town, in which are any sick of the Small Pox; at all these Places Flags are kept out. Care is taken that those Houses in which Persons have died, or from which they have been removed, should be so smoked and cleansed as to prevent any Infection being received therefrom.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

This Morning the Selectmen received a Letter from Dr. John Perkins acquainting them that Mr. Eustiss Child which was brought into this Town from Cambridge on Fryday last on suspicion of having the Small Pox, had not that Distemper, but only the Chicken Pox.

Upon the above information the Clerk was directed to make an alteration in the Advertisement sent the several Printers relative to the Small Pox, and they were accordingly altered in Messrs. Fleets and Green and Russells Papers, but Messrs. Edes and Gills Paper being before that struck off, it could not be done there. The Advertisement in Green & Russells Paper [37.] Was Dated January 30th. 1764. 10 OClock and the number of Familys in which were any said to have the Small Pox was reduced from Nine to Eight being all that are now visited with that Distemper.

The Person who was admitted into Capt. Halls House as an Assistant while he lay sick of the Small Pox having been smoked and cleansed, and a fresh shift of Cloaths provided for him, was dismiss'd from that service.

It having been Reported to the Selectmen that Mr. Brick had Inoculated his Child, he was sent for and examined, but denied that any of them had been Inoculated.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Patrick McLary for three Pounds six Shillings being for services in the Small Pox. p. Account

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A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Nicholas Murphy for Nine Shillings and four Pence being for services in the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of David Osborne for Four Pounds two Shillings being for services in the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Edward Ireland for One Pound, three Shillings being for services in the Small Pox — p. Account.

[38.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 30 1764. P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor Priscilla Fowle imploy'd as a Nurse to one of the sick of the Small Pox, for One Pounds, p. Account.

Passed upon several Accounts brought in against the Town for which the Town Clerk was directed to give his Drafts on the Treasury.

Information was given at the Selectmen by Mr. Williston that Mrs. Adams Infant at the Hospital at New Boston died there of a Fever this Morning, where upon he was directed to bury the Corps this night.

It being apprehended by the Selectmen that Messrs. Adams's Labrees Gardners and Bradfords Houses have been so smoked and cleansed, as that there can be no danger of Infection — The Flags were ordered down, and the Guards dismissed from their service at said Houses.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 31. 1764. A.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
[39.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Mrs. Mary Jarvis for Thirteen Shillings and eight Pence being for sundrys supply'd the Sick of the Small Pox- p. accot.

Mr. Procter who keeps the Schooner Tavern in Fish Street acquainted the Selectmen that a Maid in his House was supposed to have the Small Pox, upon which he was urged by the Select men to consent that she should be removed, and his answer is expected in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 31. 1764 P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

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Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Proctor this Afternoon sent the following Letter to the Selectmen.

Gentlemen,

I have thought upon the affair, and am determined, not to have my Children moved upon any account

Your Most Obedt. Hum. Servt.

EDWARD PROCTER

[40.] Upon Mr. Procters refusing to have his Children moved out of his House; Orders were given that the same should be shut and a Flag put out as a signal of Infection- and Edward Denesey was appointed a Guard and Directions given him for his conduct.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 1, 1764 ——

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Dr. Pecker came to the Selectmens Chamber & acquainted them that all Mrs. Dommitts Children which had been sick of the Small Pox, were now well and free from that Disorder where upon Directions were given that the House Bedding &c should be immediately well smoked & cleansed that so no Infection may be received therefrom.

Mr. Warren acquainted the Selectmen that one of his Children had the appearance of the Small Pox upon him, upon which the Guard had Orders not to let any Person but the Doctors enter the House, and to take the same care in all respects as when the Mother was sick of that Distemper.

[41.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 2d. 1764.

Present

The following Advertisement was sent Messrs. Drapers, for a place in their paper- Vizt.

Boston Feby. 2d. 1764

9 O Clock A.M.

Publick Information is hereby given, That there are now but Nine Families in Town in which are any sick of the Small Pox; At all these places Flags are put out- Care is taken that those Houses in which Persons have died or from which they have been removed, should be so smoked and cleansed, as to prevent any Infection being removed therefrom.

By order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 3d. 1764

Present

Information was given the Select men that one Barber a Servant of Mr. Newells the Cooper being near Dr. Archibalds was brought this Afternoon from Charlestown on suspicion of having

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the Small Pox — Dr. Pecker was thereupon desired to visit said Person, and Report to the Selectmen his Opinion who accordingly Reported, that having examined his Symtoms he was satisfied that he had not that Distemper, but an eruptive Disorder of another kind.

[42.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 4 1764 ——

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Hamburry for Two Pounds sixteen Shillings and one Peny, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. his Account on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 5, 1764.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Dr. Whetworth having acquainted the Selectmen that one Clark a Servant of his Excellency the Governors had the Symptoms of the Small Pox — Mr. Cooper was directed to wait on his Excellency and ask his consent for the removal of said Servant, which from a regard to the safety of the Inhabitants was granted and said Clark was accordingly removed this Afternoon to the Hospital at New Boston.

[43.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 6, 1764.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent the several Printers for a place in their Papers.

Boston February 6th. 1764, 9 o'Clock a.m.

Publick information is hereby given, that there are now but Nine Familys in Town in which are any sick of the Small Pox; At all these Places Flags are kept out. Care is taken that those Houses in which Persons have Died, or recovered, or from which they have been removed should be so smoked and cleansed as to prevent any Infection being received therefrom.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Mr. Paul Revere living near Dr. Clarks in Fish Street acquainted the Selectmen that a Child of his has the Small Pox out upon it, they could not prevail on him to consent to its being removed, there-

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fore Ordered a Flag to be put out, and appointed Nicholas Murphy as a Guard for said House who had Directions given him for his Conduct in Writing.

[44.] Mr. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford's Island, attended and informed the Selectmen that one George Baston who has had the Small Pox is now recovered, but so poor that he cannot defray the Charge of his sickness &c. — upon which the Selectmen directed mr. Hartley to let the said Baston leave the Island when he thought proper.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a Draft on the Treasury for Twenty-five Pounds on account of what is due to him for his services in that Office.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feby 7, 1764.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Mr. Bayes living near the North Battery, acquainted the Select men that one of his children has taken the Small Pox; he would not consent to its removal, therefore Orders were given that a Flag be put out of his House as a signal of Infection; and Patrick McLary was appointed a Watch, and Orders given him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Honble His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen, and the Overseers of [45.] The Poor within the Town of Boston on Tuesday the 7th Day of February A.D. 1764.

Present

The Honble Samuel Wells Esq.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
Edmund Quincy Esq.
John Tuder Esq.
William Story Esq.

Justices of the Peace.

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Selectmen.

Isaac Smith Esq.
Mr. Henry Bromfield
Mr. William Whitwell
Capt. Benjamin Hammatt
Mr. Henderson Inches
John Barrett Esq.

Overseers of the Poor.

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A General Walk or Visitation of the Town, was then Agreed upon to be attended on Fryday the 10th Day of February at 9 O'Clock in the Morning if the Weather [46.] Be suitable, if not then on the Tuesday following being the 14th Instant and it is also Agreed to meet at the Selectmens Chamber at 5 O'Clock in the Evening of said Day to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment is as follows, Viz^t.

Ward N°. 1
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Benjamin Hammett
Edmund Quincy Esq.
John Tuder Esq.
M^r. Nathaniel Holmes
M^r. Benjamin Harrod
Capt. Sylas Atkins
Deacon Brown
John Welds Constable

Ward N°. 2.
John Ruddock Esq.
M^r. William Whitwell
Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood
M^r. John Grant
Capt. Fortesque Vernon
M^r. Alexander Hill
M^r. Jonathan Waters
Elisha Byles, Constable

Ward N°. 3.
[47.] Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Joseph Gardner Esq.
M^r. James Halsey
M^r. Joseph Bradford
M^r. Nathaniel Loring
Newman Greenough Esq.
James Thomas Constable

Ward N°. 4.
John Barrett Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Grant Esq.
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
M^r. David Jeffries
John Cogswell Constable

Ward N°. 5
Joshua Winslow Esq.
M^r. Benjamin Dolbear
Thomas Tyler Esq.
M^r. Henry Newman
M^r. Alexander Chamberlain

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Capt. William Holmes
Mr John Kneeland
Matthew Wakefield Constable

[48.] Ward No. 6.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
Isaac Smith Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Grant Esq.
Mr James Jackson
Mr. John Smith
Mr. Samuel Parkman
Mr. Joseph How
Capt. Benjamin Andrews
Augustus Hail, Constable

Ward No 7.
Mr. Ebenezer Storer
Mr. Joseph Waldo
Mr. William Fairfield
Mr. Timothy Newell
Samuel Sewall Esq.
William Darrington — Constable

Ward, No. 8
William Story Esq.
Royal Tyler Esq.
Mr. Sam. Philips Savage
Mr. Jonathan Payson
Mr. Joseph Edwards
Capt. Samuel Downe
Nathaniel Thayer — Constable

[49.] Ward No. 9
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
Thomas Daws Esq.
Thomas Cushing Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
Mr. John Mico Wendell
John Kinney — Constable

Ward No. 10 & 11
John Hill Esq.
Mr. Henry Bromfield
Mr. Samuel Adams
Mr. John Winslow
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Joseph Dowse Esq.
Jeremiah Green Esq.
Mr. Nathaniel Gardner
Mr. Thomas Gray
Edward Baker — Constable

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Ward N°. 12
The Honble. Samuel Wells Esq.
M^r^. Henderson Inches
M^r^. Soloman Kneeland
M^r^. Thomas Foster
M^r^. Peter Johonnett
[50.] M^r^. Samuel Demming
Deacon Benjamin Church
Francis Salmon — Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copies of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 8. 1764.
Present
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

This Afternoon there was a Constables Meeting &c. for the choice of Jurors agreable to a warning for this purpose but having received an Order from the Chief Justice not to proceed to a choice at this Time, the Meeting was dissolved.

The Selectmen being informed that the Small Pox was again broke out at M^r^. Halls House — A Flag was ordered out as a signal of Infection, and Michael Dun was appointed a Guard for said House, and Orders given him of the common tenor.

A Draft was made on M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of David Lenox Junr. for Six Pounds, being for services in the Small Pox — p. Account.

M^r^. Burdick having left the Town House M^r^. Timothy Ireland was appointed Constable of said Watch [51.] And the Town Clerk is directed to give him his Orders accordingly.

Complaint being made by a number of the Inhabitants that the Chimnies of a House near the Green Dragon occupied by M^rs^. Horskins and others are defective and dangerous — Messrs. Davis and Fairfield were impower'd by Warrant to convey the same and make return as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 9, 1764, A Draft was made on Mr Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Robert McNear for Four Pounds Nine Shillings and four Pence, being for Services in the Small Pox — p. Acco^t^.

A Draft was made on M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Messrs. Thomas & John Williston for Twenty Pounds eighteen Shillings and eight Pence being for service in the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft was made on M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Timothy Dunn for Seven Pounds eight Shillings and eight Pence, being for Services in the Small Pox — p. Acco^t^.

The following Advertisement was this morning sent Messrs. Draper, for a place in their Papers.

[52.] Boston February. 9, 1764. 9 O'Clock A.M.

Publick Information is here by given that there are but Nine Families now in Town in which are any sick of the Small Pox; at

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all these Places Flags are kept out; Care is taken that those Houses in which Persons have died or recovered, or from which they have been removed, should be smoked and cleansed as to prevent any Infection being received there from.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER
Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Select men, February 10, 1764 ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. Williston was directed to dismiss the Guards from the several Houses — Vizt. Mr. Matchets — Mr. Warners — Mr. Brights, and Mr. Deans; those who have had the Small Pox in said Persons Familys being recovered, and those Houses smoked and cleansed.

James Martin who is a Guard at Nazaros had a 50/ of Mr. Sewall.

[53.] There having been a General Walk or Visitation of the Town this Day, the Gentlemen that Attended met and Reported the State of their several Wards, which was that they were generally in good Order.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby 11. 1764 ——
Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. Ichabod Williston came to the Selectmens Chamber and informed them that a Child of his at the Hospital which had been sick of the Small Pox, died of that Distemper the last Night — whereupon Orders were given for its being buryed as soon as possible.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a Draft on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries for Thirteen Pounds six Shillings and eight Pence in part for his service in the Small Pox.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 13- 1764.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[54.] Ezekiel Lewis Esq
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

An Advertisement relative to the Small Pox, of the same Tenor with the last dated the 9t Instant excepting that it mentioned

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Eight instead of Nine Familys as having that Distemper, was this Morning sent to all the Printers for a place in their Papers.

Information was given the Select men by Dr. Kast that a Young Woman who lived in Capt. Deans House in Fish Street when the Small Pox was there, and who had removed from thence to the South part of the Town, having some Complaints on the Yesterday, returned to the said Deans House, and that having seen her this Day he is of the Opinion that she has the Small Pox.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 15. 1764.

Present

Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Complaint being made by a number of Inhabitants that the Chimnies of a House in Ann Street occupied by Mr. Leechman and others are defective and dangerous —

[55.] Messrs. Williston Fairchild and Thomas Atkins were impowered by Warrant to survey the same and make Return as soon as may be.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate, beside the Poll, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twentyeth Day of February Instant at 10. OClock in the Fore Noon, then and there to consider of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants, setting forth the present difficultys of the Town by reason of the Small Pox, and Praying that the Inhabitants may be forthwith called to gether, that so the Town may come to such resolutions in this matter as shall be thought most prudent; As also that the sense of the Town may be taken respecting the expediency of permitting Inoculating Hospitals.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 17. 1764.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[56.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The Committee Appointed to survey Mr. Leechmans Chimnies, Reported as their Opinion that the Complaint was Just, and the House in danger of being burned if any more is made; Copys of said Warrant & Return are as follows — Vizt.

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Boston, February 14. 1764

Sirs

Complaints being made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Ann Street Occupied by Mr. Leechman and others, are insufficient and dangerous, We do desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to use your Judgment concerning them

JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
Selectmen of Boston

To Messrs. William Fairfield and Thomas Atkins.

Boston Febuary 14. 1764

Agreable to the above we have view'd the Chimnies Occupied by Mr. Leechman and others, find them very bad, and the House in danger of being burned if any more fire is made.

WILLIAM FAIRFIELD
THOMAS ATKINS

To the Gentlemen Select men

[57.] Boston February 17. 1764

Mr. Leechman

Upon Complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House Occupied by you we issue our Warrant for a survey, a copy of the said Warrant you have above.

Agreable to the directions of the Law in that case made and provided, we hereby warn you not to make any Fires in said Chimnies till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies, as you would avoid the penalty of said Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The House where Mr. Dean and Family has the Small being supposed to have considerable Infection, it was thought proper for the safety of the Town to appoint David Lenox Junr. as an additional Guard, and the Clerk was directed to give him written Orders — Mr. Townsend Constable of the North Watch was also directed to relieve the Guard at 11. O.Clock at Night, and to keep watch till Day break at which Time the other Guards are to return.

The Committee appointed to survey Mrs. Harskins Chimnies, Reported, that they had before the Date of their Warrant at the desire of Mr. John Boreland view'd the House and Chimnies Occupied by Mrs. Harskins, found them much defective & Reported the same to Mr. Boreland who promised to repair them.

[58.] The following Advertisement was sent the several Printers for a place in their Papers.

Boston, February 16. 1764
10 OClock A.M.

The Public are hereby informed, that those Persons who had the Small Pox in Messrs. Nazaros, Procter and Manwarrens Familys in Fish Street, Mr. Booths at the North Battery, and Mr.

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Peases at the Head of m^{r}. Grays Rope Walk, are now well, and the Houses are smoked and cleansing to prevent any Infection there from. After the strictest enquiry and examination, it appears that there are now but four Familys in which any are sick of that Distemper, or that have the Symptoms of the vizt. M^{r}. Dean & M^{r}. Rivers in Fish Street, a Child at Mr Greens in Black House Lane, and a Child of M^{r}. Halls in Paddys Alley; so that the Reports of its being in other Places in Town are without Foundation

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 18. 1764.
Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[59.] Information was given the Selectmen that a Child at M^{rs}. Glentworth near the Old North Meeting House was taken with the Small Pox. As she could not be prevailed on to permit the Childs being moved to the Hospital Order were given that the House be shut up and a flag put out as a signal of Infection; and Daniel Donelly was appointed a Guard, who had Orders given him in Writing of the common tenor.

M^{r}. Tuckerman informed the Selectmen that he had in his House a Child of M^{rs}. Steven's who has for some Time been employed as a Wet Nurse at the Hospital; and that he was very desirous of having the Child with her, not being in Circumstances to maintain it abroad, and being fearful of its taking the Small Pox while she was there employ'd, whereupon —

Voted, that the said M^{rs}. Stevens be permitted to take her Child to the Hospital, if she continues of the mind she is now in.

M^{r}. Hartly Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended and was Ordered by the Selectmen to take down to the Island in his Boat the Bed M^{r}. Pease made use of during his sickness with Small Pox, in order for its being cleansed, smok'ed and air'd.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in [60.] Favor of Thomas Demerry for Five Pounds ten Shillings being for service in the Small Pox, as by his Account of particulars on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 18. 1764. P.M.

M^{r}. Flag living near the Old North Meeting House acquainted the Selectmen that one of his Children was taken with the Small Pox they endeavoured to persuade him to consent to its being removed, but in vain.

Ordered, that M^{r}. Zachary Fowle have the Printing of the Notifications for the Town Meeting to be held the 20^{t} Instant.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 19, 1764.
Sabbath Evening.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Voted, that the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Sewell be desired to open the ensuing Town Meeting with Prayer.

M^{r}. Hitchburne acquainted the Selectmen that he apprehended a Child of his had the Small Pox upon it, at his House near the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Pembertons Church.

[**61.**] It being Reported to the Selectmen that Messrs. Flagg & Hitchburnes Children had been Inoculated, they were both ordered to attend, when they declared, that they had not Inoculated them, and if it was disputed they were freely willing to submit them to an examination — whereupon D^{r}. Gardner was sent for who with M^{r}. Lewis went to their Houses, and upon Examination, could not find that they were Inoculated.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 20. 1764.

Present

Ordered, that Thomas Demerry be appointed a Guard for M^{r}. Flaggs House, and he was furnished with written Directions for his Conduct.

Robert McNear was appointed a Guard for M^{r}. Hitchburnes House, and Orders were given him in Writing.

M^{r}. Hartley Keeper of Rainsfords Island was directed to deliver M^{r}. Boyer the Bed taken from M^{r}. Buckleys House he having Reported to the Selectmen that the same was sufficiently smoked and air'd.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 21, 1764.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[**62.**] Information was given the Selectmen by D^{r}. Whetworth, that M^{r}. Richard Ellingwood and M^{r}. Thomas Raymond who lodge at M^{r}. Hitchburnes House had the Small Pox — upon which M^{r}. Williston was directed to acquaint them, that the Doctor having said they were willing to be moved to the Hospital — the Sedan would be sent for them this Afternoon — M^{r}. Williston Reported that he saw Raymond, but not the other Person being told that he was sick in Bed; and that they both absolutely refused leaving the House and going to the Hospital.

The Selectmen were informed, that M^{r}. Reviere and M^{r}. Flagg were seen to go in and out of their Houses, contrary to Orders as

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they are infected with the Small Pox, upon which they were sent for Mr. Reviere attended and promised the Selectmen that he would not in future enter any one Appartment of his House — Mr. Flagg also attended, and assured the Selectmen that he had taken up Lodgings in another House, and should not enter his own Dwelling until he had first obtained Liberty there for.

Mr. Lewis one of the Selectmen went to Mr. Hitchburnes House and having prevailed on the Messrs. Ellingwood & Raymond to consent to a removal from thence — Mr. Williston as ordered attended with the Sedan, in which they were carried to the Hospital at New Boston.

[**63.**] The following Advertisement was sent to the several Printers for a place in the Monday Papers.

Boston February 20. 1764 9 O'Clock A.M.

The Publick are hereby informed that on Satturday last a Child of Mrs. Glentworths near the Old North Meeting House, and one of Mr. Hitchburnes near the Revd. Mr. Pembertons Meeting House, were taken with the Small Pox, these with the Sick at Mr. Deans and Mr. Revieres Familys in Fish Street are the only Persons in Town who have the Small Pox, excepting those who are in the Hospital at New Boston

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22d. 1764. A.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

It having been possitively asserted, to the great uneasiness of many Persons, that Mrs. Glentworth who has a Child sick of the Small Pox, had left her House on the Yesterday, and was seen at Dr. Sewalls Meeting House while the Revd. Mr. Whitefield was preaching there — Mr. Austin went to the House & [**64.**] Saw the Woman of the Family who with the Guard were ready to swear, that they had not left the House, and their Opinion was, that the Person seen was a Sister of Mrs. Glentworths, who had been in the Family since the Small Pox entred it.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 22d. 1764, P.M.

Present
Samuel Hews Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The Selectmen by consent of Mr. Gorden the Owner have taken

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a House of his near the Pest House for Mr. Fethergill and Family who are to remove there this Afternoon, from the House they now occupy; said Fethergills Dwelling is to be made use of as a Well House for the Hospital; and Ichabod Willistons Children being recovered of the Small Pox, are ordered into the same, with all the Things they brought with them into the Hospital.

The following is an Inventory of the Things which were found in Mr. Gordens House, lately Occupied by the Robertsons and other French Neutrals.

[65.] In the Cellar — Vizt

3 Old Barrells, a Spinning Wheel
a Wood Horse and about 1½ Cord Wood

In the lower Room — Vizt

1 Spining Wheel
an old Barrell & a Stool

In the Chamber — Vizt.

1 pair Old Cards, a small Case
an old Bedstead, 1 Earthen Pot

In the Garret — Vizt

1 large Loom — 1 old Barrell
2 Spining Wheels — 2 Linen Wheels
1 pr. Old Cards — 1 pr. ditto Cards
1 old Box Iron — 2 Bones of Homer Ivory.

Memo. the above are housed in ye upper Appartment of Faneuil Hall Market

Att. WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Robert Berry for Seven Pounds Eighteen Shillings and eight Pence being for services in the Small Pox — p. Account.

A Draft on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Patrick Lary for Four Pounds sixteen Shillings being for services in the Small Pox — p. Account on file

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Peter Jervis for Seven Pounds sixteen Shillings & eight Pence [66.] Being for Services in the Small Pox — as p. Account on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Samuel Ober for Five Pounds sixteen Shillings and eight Pence, being for Services in the Small Pox — as p. Accot. on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen February 23d. 1764. A.M.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

Edward Dempsy and Michael Ash appointed a Guard for Mr. Nathan Spears House this Evening, situated at the back of Ann Street near the Mill Creek, he having the Small Pox and not consenting to be removed — the Town Clerk was directed to furnish the Guard with the necessary Orders.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 24, 1764. P.M.

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{r}. Williston informed the Selectmen, that M^{rs}. Labree who had the Small Pox at the Hospital died this Afternoon — whereupon [**67.**] He was directed to put the Corps immediately into a Tarr'd Sheet and Coffin, and that the same be interred this Night, he observing in every respect the Written Orders given him relating to such Burials.

M^{r}. Gyles living in Middle Street, informed the selectmen that a Child of his has the Small Pox, broke out upon her, and as he could not be prevail'd with to let her be removed, D^{r}. Doubt having giving it as his Opinion that it could not be done but at the hazard of her Life — Orders were therefore given that a Flag be put out as a signal of Infection, and Edward Dempsey was appointed a Guard, and Orders were given him accordingly.

D^{r}. Doubt acquainted the Selectmen that a Child of one Wharffs living behind Capt. Vernons House, has the Small Pox, with consent of the Parent, she was this evening sent in the Sedan to the Hospital at new Boston.

M^{r}. Nathan Spear, having with much difficulty consented to his being sent to the Hospital at New Boston, was accordingly removed there last Evening

The following Advertisement was published in the last Thursdays Paper.

Boston, February 23^{d}. 1764
9 O'Clock a.m.

Publick Information is hereby given, that the Person who broke out with the Small Pox near the mill Creek on Yesterday has consented to be removed this Forenoon to the Hospital; and after a strict Examination and Enquiry, it appears that the [**68.**] Small Pox is now but in Five Familys in this Town; vizt. M^{rs}. Glentworth and M^{r}. Flags near the Old North Meeting House, Messrs. Deans and Revieres in Fish Street; and M^{r}. Hitchburnes near the Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Pembertons Meeting House; as most of the sick in those Houses are in a fair way of recovery, there is a prospect that through the favor of Providence, the measures taken to prevent the spread of the Disease, will soon have the desired success

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 26. 1764.
Sabbath Evening.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.

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Information was this Day given to the Selectmen by Mr. Jennings living in Fish Street, that a Child of his was taken with the Small Pox — having refused his consent to its being removed; he was ordered to put out a Flag as a signal of Infection, and the Guard at Mr. Deans, was directed to take the Charge of mr. Jennings House.

The following Advertizment was this Morning sent to the several Printers for a place in their papers on the Monday

Boston February 27. 1764
9 O'Clock a.m.

The Publick are hereby informed that after a [**69.**] strict Enquiry and Examination it appears that the Small Pox is in no more than Seven Familys in this Town- Vizt. Mrs. Glentworth; Mr. Flaggs; Mr. Gyles; near the Old North Meeting House; Mr. Deans; Mr. Jennings and Mr. Revieres in Fish Street, and Mr. Hitchburnes near the Revd. mr. Pembertons Meeting House; as most of the sick in these Houses have the Distemper very favorably, it is still hoped through the favor of Providence the measures taken to prevent the spread of the Disease will have the desired success.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 27. 1764.——

Present
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Dr. Sprague acquainted the Selectmen, that a Child of Mr. Gardners at New Boston near Coll. Jarvis's House was taken with the Small Pox, as the Child could not be removed the three Children in the House were sent to the Hospital at New Boston, Mr. Dun was placed as a Guard at said House.

Mr. John Grant having produced the Treasurers Receit for his part of Street Tax, committed to him to Collect Anno 1761. being by the Assessors Accounts £2693-17-3- at 12d. [**70.**] on the Pound, amounts to £134-13 — his Quarter part £33-13-3d. for which a Draft was ordered in his favor.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feby. 28 1764 A.M.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. Flagg this Day informed the Selectmen, that a Young Man in his House was taken with the Small Pox, but as the infection was still in his Family, it was not thought proper to remove said Person.

Dr. Kast informed the Selectmen that a Child of Mr. Fosters,

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near Gliddens Ship Yard in Fish Street had the Small Pox broke out upon it — as they would not consent to a removal, a Flag was ordered out as a signal of Infection, and Michael Ash was appointed a Guard for said House.

Passed upon Mr. Mills Province Account amounting to £.15-18-5 a Copy of which is on File.

[71.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 28. 1764. P.M.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Jonathan Payson Esq. One of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1761 having produced the Town Treasurer Receits, for his part of the Street Tax committed to him to Collect, being by the Assessors Accounts £.2693.17.3 at 12d. on the Pound amounts to £.134-13\ his Quarter part £.33-13-3- a Draft was ordered in his Favor accordingly.

Mr. Samual Adams one of the Town Collectors for 1761 having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Taxes committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him the Premium allowed for Collecting the same.

Information was given the Selectmen by Dr. Nathaniel Perkins, that a Sister of Mr. Pembertons at his House on the Hill near the Orange Tree, was taken with the Small Pox — As she was not in Circumstances to be removed — Orders were given for a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection [72.] And Thomas Sergeant was appointed a Guard for said House.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 29. 1764.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Michael Ryan for Ten Pounds sixteen Shillings being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Accot. on file.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and Nine Pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and Four Pence p. Bushel is allow'd to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		7 -	8
Wheaten - - - - - - -		11 -	4
Houshold - - - - - - -		15 -	

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	l.	oz.	dr.
Two Peny White Loaf - - - - - -		15 -	
Wheaten - - - - - - -	1 -	6 -	8
Houshold - - - - - - -	1 -	14 -	
[73.] Six Peny Wheaten Loaf - - -	4 -	4 -	8
Houshold - - - - - -	5 -	11 -	8
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	9 -	
Houshold	11 -	6 -	
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	11 -	
N.B. 7 Biskets must weigh	1 -	14 -	
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	13 -	

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Handbury for Sixteen Shillings, being for services in the Small Pox — as p. Accot. on File

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Martha Barrett for £.1,, 4\ being for services in the Small Pox — as p. her Account on File.

Dr. Pecker came to the Selectmens Chamber and informed them that a Negro Fellow belonging to Mr. Payne the Miller living near Charlestown Ferry has the Small Pox, and is now almost well — they were ignorant of their Servants Disorder to this Day.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Daniel Donally for Five Pounds twelve Shillings as p. Account of particulars on File.

[74.] A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Dennis Glissin for fifteen Shillings, being for services in the Small Pox — as p. his Account on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Robert McElroy for Five Shilling and four pence being for services in the Small Pox — as p. Account on File.

A Draft was made on Mr Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Samuel Sewall Esq. for One Pound nine Shillings & 10d ⅕ being for Disbursments in the Small Pox- p. Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Philip Carrol for One Pound two Shillings and eight pence, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Accot. on File.

The following was wrote Coll. Williams of Roxbury relative to Mrs. Choate — Vizt.

Boston February 29, 1764

Joseph Williams Esq.

Sir

Mrs. Choate who by virtue of your Warrant was about six weeks past brought to this Town, has been in the Almshouse ever since; she was admitted in there not as an inhabitant of this Town, but entirely upon the compassionate list, for it being an extreme cold day when she was sent, her life would have been in danger had [75.] We not have received her — She has been very sick ever since, and not at any time in such a state of health as to have admitted of her removal to Roxbury — she is now something better, but from the apprehension of a general spread of the small pox she is in great terror, and it is thought she

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will die very soon unless speedily removed. We are well satisfied upon enquiry, that she is not an Inhabitant of this town, and must consequently be returned to Roxbury. We have not time to take the legal steps towards her removal without greatly endangering her life — We thought fit therefore to give you this information, and doubt not you will immediately receive her especially as affairs are now circumstanced with us — we are

Your Humble Servants

THOMAS CUSHING
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
EZEKIEL LEWIS
NATH^L^. THWING
Selectmen of Boston

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 1, 1764.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[76.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathl. Thwing Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen by M^r^. Emmons living in Paddys Alley that a Child of his was taken with the Small Pox — as he would not consent to its being removed being an Infant in the Cradle; a Flag was ordered to be put out, and M^r^. Wales appointed a Guard for said House.

Dr. Sprague acquainted the Selectmen that a Moletto Girl of Capt. Phillips at New Boston was taken with the Small Pox — her Master consenting to her being removed, she was accordingly sent to the Hospital at that part of the Town.

Information was given the Selectmen that a Man on board a Rhode Island Sloop lying at Greens Wharf had the Small Pox out upon him — whereupon M^r^. Williston was sent with the Sedan to take him, who accordingly received him and carried him to the Hospital at New Boston.

The following Advertisement was this Day sent to Messrs. Draper for a place in their Paper — Viz^t^.

[77.] Boston, March 1, 1764

The Publick are hereby informed, that the Small Pox is now in ten Familys In the Town vizt. M^rs^. Glentworths and M^r^. Flags near the Old North Meeting House; M^r^. Gyles and M^r^. Hitchburnes in Middle Street, Messrs. Deans, Jennings, Revieres & Fosters in Fish Street; M^r^. Pembertons on the Hill near the Orange Tree, and M^r^. Gardners at New Boston. At all these places Flags are kept out, and Guards placed to prevent a further spread of the Infection

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

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11 O'Clock A.M.

Since the above was sent to the Press, Information is given that the Small Pox is in three other Familys in Town Viz^{t}. Capt. Philips New Boston M^{r}. Emmons in Paddys Alley and M^{r}. Paines near Charlestown Ferry; the Person taken with that distemper on board a Vessell, was this Morning removed to the Hospital.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 3^{d}. 1764.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[78.] Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{r}. Fethergill attended and acquainted the Selectmen that a Child of his in his House at New Boston was taken with the Small Pox — upon which Dr. Whetworth was desired to visit the said Child, and endeavor to persuade the Parents to consent to a removal

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4, 1764.— Sabbath Evening

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

M^{r}. Fethergill having desired that his Child which is taken with the Small Pox, might be sent to the Hospital at New Boston — the Sedan was sent there to take the Child and carry it to the Hospital, which was done this morning.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5. 1764.

Present
Thomas Cushing Esq.
[79.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Letter was this Morning received from D^{r}. John Perkins acquainting the Selectmen that a Child of M^{rs}. Shillcocke by Halseys Wharff was broke out with Small Pox, and that she had two other Children exposed to the Distemper—whereupon Orders were given for a Flag to be put out, and a Guard was appointed for said House.

D^{r}. Kast informed the Selectmen that he apprehended a Child of M^{r}. Lorings near the North Battery was taken with the Small Pox.

The following Advertisment was sent several Printers for a place in their Papers. Viz^{t}.

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Boston March 5. 1764
11 O'Clock A.M.

Publick Information is hereby given that the Small Pox is now in ten Familys in this Town, and in others some Persons have the Symptoms of said Distemper upon them Wherefore the Selectmen advise all who design to remove out of Town, to do it immediately, as the Guards will be taken off Infected Houses next Thursday; and it is expected [80.] That no Person will presume to Inoculate till after that Time

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Mr. Williston having acquainted the Selectmen of the Death of Mr. Smith at the Hospital at New Boston; Orders were given for his Funeral this Night with the precaution used with those who have deceased of the Small Pox.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6. 1764.
Present
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

Information being given the Selectmen that a Child of Mr. Deven's in Paddys Alley, had the Small Pox broke out upon it this Morning — A Flag was ordered out and a Guard placed at the House.

Dr. Kast informed the Selectmen that a Child of Mr. Brecks near the Old North Meeting House, had the Small Pox, broke out upon it — A Flag was ordered and a Guard placed at the said House.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 7. 1764.
Present
[81.] Thomas Cushing Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston. In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 12th Day of March Instant at 9 O'clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Nominate and Choose meet Persons to serve the Town the year ensuing, as Selectmen, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Wardens, Fire Wards, Constables, and other Officers as the Law directs; To grant such Sums of Money and in such manner as may be Judged needful for the Payment of Schoolmasters, for the relief of the Poor and defreying other necessary Charges; To receive the Reports of the Town Committees on several Affairs; To act upon the List of Jurors; To appoint a Committee to visit the Schools; To choose Auditors of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor; To determine [82.]

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What Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, and the Time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements thereof; To receive and examine the Accounts of the Granary; To consider the Petition of James Day, that a balance due from him to the Town when a Collector of Taxes, may be Remitted him for Reasons set Forth in said Petition. To choose a Committee to examine the accompts of the Managers of the Managers [*sic*] of Faneuil Hall Lotteries; To determine what number of Collectors shall be chosen to Collect the Taxes of the ensuing Year; Whether they will take on their Risque such Tickets in Faneuil Hall Lotteries, as may remain unsold on the Days that may be Assigned by the Managers for drawing said Lotteries; Whether they will take any Measures to prevent Strangers coming into the Town, or any of the Inhabitants, to be Inoculated after a certain Time, allowed for that purpose; Whether they will accept of the Grant of Three Thousand Pounds made to the Town by the General Court at their last Session, which together with what has been already advanced, was Voted in full consideration for what they have over paid in the publick Taxes for Years past; To consider the Request of a number of Inhabitants, that a peice of Land in Fish Street may be Paved [**83.**] To choose Jurors for April Court; And also Act upon all such matters and Things as stand referred over to said Meeting.

Voted, that the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Andrew Elliot be desired to open the Town Meeting on Monday next with Prayer, and that M^{r}. Cushing and m^{r}. Scollay be a Committee to acquaint him therewith.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill, and Messrs. Green and Russell have the printing of the Notifications for the next Annual Town Meetings in March and May.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7. 1764. P.M.

Present

Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen that M^{r}. Heath living near D^{r}. Cutters Church has a child taken with the Small Pox-

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10. 1764.

Present

Thomas Cushing Esq.
[**84.**] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Ezkiel Lewis Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Vail, for Eighteen Shillings being for services in the Small Pox- as p his Account on File

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Sergeant for Two Pounds eleven Shillings and four Pence being for services in the Small Pox- as p Acco^{t}. on File.

A Draft was made for M^{r}. Dennis Glisson on Treasurer Jeffries for five Shillings and four pence being for services in the Small Pox- a p Acco^{t}. on File.

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Mr. Williston was directed to acquaint Mr. Massingham that the Selectmen expect he returns to his own House as they have no further occasion for the same, and shall not pay any Rent therefor, after Monday next.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Edmund Fitz. Patrick for ten Shillings and eight pence being for services in the Small Pox. as p Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of James Rotch for five Shillings and four pence, being for services in the Small Pox — as p Accot. on File.

[85.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 10. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Thomas Betterly attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that he had received into his House, last Fryday as Lodgers three Dutch Persons all single men their Names are Thomas Myers, Godfrey Aderholz. & August Newman?- who came to this Town with design to carry on the Business of Baking Ginger Bread, provided they can obtain the approbation of the Selectmen.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Isaac Massingham for One Pound two Shillings & ten pence ½- as p. his Account on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Robert McNear for Four Pounds four Shillings, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. his Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor [86.] of Thomas Williston for Eleaven Pounds, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. his account on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 21. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Voted, that Messrs. Henshaw and Scollay be a Commte to agree with Samuel Sumner of Roxbury to lay a quantity of Gravel on Boston Neck, and spread it agreably to the directions he may receive from the Selectmen, at Nine Shillings Old Tenor p. Load.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of James Martin for Fourteen pounds nine Shillings and nine pence being for services in the Small Pox, as p. accot. on File.

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A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of David Lenox Junr. for £.6 12\ being for services in the Small Pox: as p. Account on File.

[87.] A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of David Donally for Six Pounds twelve Shillings being for services in the Small Pox- as p. on Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Thomas Demerry for Six Pounds six Shillings being for services in the Small Pox as p. his Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Katharine Tayler for One Pound, One Shilling & 4d. being for services in the Small Pox- as p. Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Joseph Glidden for thirteen Shillings and four Pence being for supplys in the Small Pox.- as p. Account on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Michael Ash for Five Pounds nine Shillings and four Pence, being for services in the Small Pox as p. Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Timothy Dun for Ten Pounds Three Shillings and 4 Pence being for services in the Small Pox as p. Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Ichabod Williston for Eleaven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and four Pence, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Account on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor [88.] Of Timothy Pease for Two Pounds, four Shillings, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Accot. on File.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse, his Province Accounts amounting to £250-9-5 and £18-16-9 — Copys whereof are on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Edward Dempsey for £-11-4-8 being for services in the Small Pox. as p. Account of particulars on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Nicholas Murphy for Five Pounds sixteen Shillings & eight pence, being for services in the Small Pox. p. Accot. of particulars on File

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Handbury for Ten Shillings and eight Pence being for services in the Small Pox as p. Accot. on file.

Voted, that the several Sextons be directed to attend the Selectmen next Monday Afternoon on affairs of the Small Pox.

Voted, that all such Persons as may die of the Small Pox be buried between the Hours of 9. and 10. OClock at Night, and have no Bells shall be tolled on the occasion.

[89.] A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries March 17 in favor of James Sherman for Three Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence being for services in the Small Pox — as p. Account on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 26 1764.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.

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Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Mr. William Sutton Master of Engine No. 7. apply'd to the Select men for the Premium allowed by the Town, for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at Dr. Gardners House.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for thirteen Shillings and four pence, the Sum they are entitled to by a Vote of the Town.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 28. 1764.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[90.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Voted, that the Selectmen attended at their Chamber for the Dispatch of the Town Affairs, precisely at 3 O'Clock P.M. during the Summer months.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk, Post up an Assize of Bread at Rate of Five Shillings and nine Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and four Shillings p. Bushel is allow'd to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf - - - - - - -		7	8
Wheaten - - - - - - -		11	4
Houshold - - - - - - -		15	
Two Peny White Loaf - - - - - -		15	
Wheaten - - - - - - -	1	6	8
Houshold - - - - - - -	1	14	
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf - - - - -	4	4	8
Houshold - - - - - - -	5	11	8
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf - - -	8	9	
Houshold - - - - - -	11	6	
Four Peny Brick Loaf - - - - - -	1	11	
NB. 7 Biskets must weigh - - - - - - -	1	14	
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼			
Rye meal must weigh - - - - -	2	13	

[91.] Voted, that Mr. Ruddock be desired to make Application to the Court of Sessions that the Clerk of said Court may be directed, hence forward to keep a Book of Record of all the Persons that shall be warned out of this Town, whose Names may be returned to the Selectmen

Passed upon Mr. Thomas Hartleys Province Account amounting to Twenty four Pounds and ten Pence, a Copy whereof is on File.

The following Orders were by direction of the Selectmen given to each and every of the Sextons and Grave Diggers in this Town. Vizt.

Messrs. Thomas Williston
John Williston

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David Lenox
John Roulston
Nathaniel Bond
Robert Vox
Isaac Townsend
Abiah Holbrook
James Clarke
John Brooks
John Holbrook
John Roustead

[92.] Boston March 28t. 1764.

Mr. Thomas Williston

As the Small Pox now prevalent in this Town is a Distemper that has occasioned more frequent Deaths and Funerals, than in the common course of Providence has otherwise happened; The Selectmen Judging it necessary for many Reasons, that such Persons as die of it should immediately after their decease be put into a Tarred Sheet and buried the same Evening between 9 and 10 O'Clock without the usual Solemnities of a Funeral; The Selectmen also apprehending it will serve very good ends that an account of the Deaths in this Town, by said Distemper, should be taken.

Orders are therefore hereby given to the several Sextons and Grave Diggers that they as soon as they hear of any Persons dieing of the Small Pox, go to the Houses where the deceased lived, and inform the Relations or those who have the care of them, that the Corps must be directly put into a tarred Sheet, and buried without the usual Solemnities of a Funeral, and the Sextons and Grave Diggers are also hereby Ordered to keep an account of the Persons dying with the Small Pox, either by Inoculation or the other way that they may be ready to give it into the Selectmen when called for

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, TOWN CLERK.

[93.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 4, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Richard Dana Esq. acquainted the Select men that Elizabeth Clewby a Widow Woman from Roxbury of 76 years of Age, has been in his Family as a Nurse since the 15t. of last Month.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Margaret Stevens for Four Pounds five Shillings & four pence, being for service in the Small Pox as per Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Mr. John Bois for Thirty Pounds two Shillings and eight Pence, being for Wood &c. supply'd in the Small Pox, as per his accot. on File.

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A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Holbrook for Five pounds fourteen Shillings & 8d. being for service in the Small Pox, as p. his Acct. on file.

[94.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 11. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

This Day the Selectmen Agreed with Messrs. Fosdick, Thornton and Putham, Pavers, for what paving Work the Town may have to do this Year at 12d. p. yard, they finding every Thing but Gravel and Stones.

Mr. Thomas Milliken presented a Petition to the Selectmen, praying that he may be approbated by them as a Taverner in the House known by the Name of Green Dragon Tavern; Mr. Warden who lately kept the same having left said House; whereupon.

Voted, that the said Mr. Milliken be approbated accordingly.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries for five Shillings and four Pence in favor of William Barrett, being for service in the Small Pox; as p. his Account on File.

[95.] The Selectmen at their last Meeting, approved of Mr. Joseph Bradford and Mr. Josiah Flagg as Bondsmen for Franke a Negro Woman, lately Manumitted by Mr. Hawks, that she shall become no charge to this Town, — the penalty of the Bond to be £100 — lawful money.

The Selectmen passed upon John Scollay Esq. his province Account amounting to £.29-19-9 but no Copy has been lodged.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 18. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Joseph Gardner Esq. for Two Pound Eight Shillings, being for Supplys in the Small Pox p. Acct. on File.

Mr. William Sutton Master of the Engine N. 7. appear'd and informed the Selectmen that William Snowton & Samuel Shed had left the Engine service, and proposed Edward Ranger and Edward Bassett as proper Persons to fill up their places — whereupon-

[96.] Voted, that the said Ranger and Bassett be admitted as Engine Men in his Company accordingly

Mr. John Baker Master of the Engine No. 1 — informs that the same was brought to work at the Fire that broke out at Mr. New-

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ells Barn, before any other Engine, and desires the Premium granted by the Town may be allowed them.

Voted, that the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four pence be allowed them accordingly.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Mrs. Mary Stride for Six Shillings lawful Mony being for service in the Small Pox — as p. Accot. on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Thomas Mayor for Eight Pounds eight Shillings & 7½ being for Supplys in the Small Pox, as p. Accot. on File.

Voted, that Messrs. Benjamin and Edward Davis have agreable to their proposal the improvement of the Towns Interest on the South side of the Dock, at the Rate of Five Pounds lawful money p. Annum, the Rent to commence from April 19th.

Boston, April 19, 1764

Mr. Samuel Proctor

You having represented to us that the following Persons —Vizt. John Mortal, Abraham Matthews, William Hudslon, Patrick Connolly, Thomas Murphy [97.] and John Cahill, who have been for sometime in the Almshouse on the Province Account, are now well, it is therefore our desire, that you do dismiss them from under your care —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
Selectmen of Boston

Mr. Henshaw is desired to get Capt. Daws to Whitewash Master Lovels House as soon as may be.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat and Four Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Vizt.

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Of Peny White Loaf		8	2
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Household	6	13	11
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9	2	4
Household	13	1	4
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1	13	8
[98.] NB. 7 Biskets must weigh	2	0	8
A 4d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	3	0	12

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Nathaniel Thwing Esq. for Six Pounds one Shillings and eight Pence, being for Supplys of Bread in the Small Pox p. Account on File.

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Capt. Henshaw is desired to get Turn pikes fixed in Hog alley agreable to a Vote of the Town at their late Meeting.

The following Advertisement was sent mess^{rs}. Drapers for a place in their Paper, by order of the Selectmen.

Boston April 18. 1764

The Town having suffered considerable damage from Persons passing over the Common with Horses & Carriages, and breaking down the Rails and Inclosures; The Selectmen are determined to prosecute any Persons who presume to do the same for the future; and engage to pay two Dollars to any one, who will inform in such manner, that Trespassers may be convicted thereof

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk —

At a Meeting of the Select men April 19, 1766 [*sic*]

Present

[**99.**] Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent the several Printers, for a place in their Papers — vizt.

Boston April 19, 1764

The Time for the permission of Inoculation in this Town by a Vote of the Inhabitants at a General Town Meeting being limitted to the 20^{t}. of April ends to Morrow, therefore the Selectmen expect that no Person will presume to come in for Inoculation after the 20^{t}. Day is past, and they hereby inform the Publick, that the Gentlemen Physicians belonging to or now in the Town have engaged in conformity to said Vote, that they will not Inoculate any Person after the Time limitted.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk —

The Time for the permission of Inoculation in this Town, ending to Morrow, the Gentlemen Physicians belonging to or now in the Town, were desired to attend the Selectmen, who accordingly attended, when they engaged that they would not Inoculate any Person after the Time [**100.**] Limited by the Town — The Physicians who came into this Agreement are as follows — vizt.

John Perkins
James Pecker
John Clark
Nyot Doubt
James Llyd
John Sprague
Henry Will: Crozier
Hall Jackson
Joseph Warren
John Peck
M^{r}. Mather
Nathaniel Perkins

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Thomas Bulfinch
Myles Whitworth
Sylvester Gardner
Benjamin Church
Mr. Lord
Mr. Williams
Charles Pyncheon
Mr. Tamer
Mr. Thomas
Mr. Roberts

Gadfred Cast for himself and Mr Wells.
Joseph Gardner for himself and Mr Barrett

Memo

The Physicians sent to who did not attend the Selectmen are

Samuel Marshall
Samuel Gilston
Mr Smith
Mr Mather
Mr William Perkins

The Town Clerk was directed to publish an Extract from the Province Law relative to packing Fish Pork Beef &c. in the several Monday Papers, and to introduce it in the following manner— vizt

Boston April 23d 1764

[101.] For preventing all Fraud and Deceit in packing of First Beef and Pork for Sale so injurious to particular Persons as well as the Trade in general, the following Extract of an Act of the General Court is in this manner published, that all concerned may strictly conform themselves thereto, and avoid the Penalty which will be incurred by a neglect thereof, for which every delinquent may expect to be prosecuted.

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 22d 1764

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq
Joseph Jackson Esq
John Scollay Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Dr Pyncheon from Springfield applied to the Selectmen for liberty to Inoculate Mr Morton's two Sons at his House the Sign of the White Horse So. End. said Morton having moved his Family to Plymouth on account of the Small Pox prevented their being Inoculated in season — This request of Dr Pyncheons having been well considered by the [102.] Selectmen

Voted unanimously, that Liberty will not be granted; and that the Selectmen expect the Doctor will strictly adhere to his late engagements not to Inoculate in this Town after the expiration

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of the Time limitted by a Vote of the Inhabitants at their late Meeting

Coll. Jackson having acquainted the Selectmen, that a young Man from Piscataqua, who was Inoculated by Dr Jackson at Charlestown, had contrary to said Doctors Injunctions come into this Town, and taken up Lodgings at Mr. John Colbourns Voted, that Mr. Williston be directed to go to Mr. Colbourns House, and acquaint said young man whose name is Stephen Perkins that they expect he immediately returns to Charlestown where he was Inoculated, as he will not be suffered to pass through the Distemper in the Town.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 24, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Shubael Hews attended, and requested of the Selectmen liberty to open a Drain from his House across Marlboro Street near the South Meeting House at his [**103.**] Own Charge — whereupon — Voted, that he have liberty to open said Drain provided he makes good the Ground and repaves the same immediately after to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. John Greenlaw appeared and informed the Selectmen, that he had received into his House as a maid, about six Weeks past one Esther Fore who was lately a Servant to Dr. Jennison of Menden — Memo. suppose her Christian name to be Elizabeth, and not Esther.

Mr. Foye Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston having represented to the Selectmen, that the late Storm and high Tides had done considerable damage &c. to the Walls of the House.
Mr. Scollay and Mr. Austin were appointed to view the same and order such Repairs as they should Judge proper.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 30, 1764, the following Letter was wrote to the several Physicians in Town —

Gentlemen.

The Selectmen hearing that you have declined to Inoculate Persons, who had not moved out of Town as you apprehend your selves restrained by your Engagements with them, do hereby inform you that they do not so understand your Engagements [**104.**] But would recommend to you the Inoculating all those Inhabitants, who may now incline to be Inoculated who were in Town at or before the 20t. of April.

By Order of the Selectmen,
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 2d. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat and four pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

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Houshold	1	"	4
Two Peny White loaf	1	"	4
[105.] Two Peny Wheaten Loaf	1	8	6
Houshold	2	0	8
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4	9	2
Houshold	6	13	11
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9	2	4
Houshold	13	1	4
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1	13	8
N. B. 7 Biskets must weigh allowance to be made for drying.	2	0	8
A 4^{d}. loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal, must weigh	3	0	12

The following Letter was sent Doctors Nathaniel Perkins and Lloyd, in answer to theirs on File.

Boston, May 2^{d}. 1764

Gentlemen

You having signified to us that you expect a number of your Patients out of the Country and desire leave to Inoculate at Noddles Island, we consent to your Inoculating on said Island, for the present notwithstanding your Engagements to us that you would not Inoculate in this Town after the 20th. of April.

Your Humble Servants,

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Select men of Boston.

[106.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 5. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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The Selectmen having received Information that a number of those People called French Neutrals, had come from Neighboring Towns to this in order to receive the Small Pox Inoculation; agreed to visit those Persons — having performed that service they found three of the Neutrals at Mrs. Walcuts who had been in Town forty eight Hours, being sent from Cambridge by Briggandine Brattle, one of them was broke out with the Small Pox the others complaining — they also went in to Mr. Chapmans at the South Part of the Town, where they found one Buckley belonging to Colchester in Connecticut, and that he had been Inoculated Eight Days under these Circumstances and considering the great Infection still in Town, it was not thought proper to take any Method for their removal

[107.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 7, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Scollay Esq.

Dr. Kneeland of Cambridge appeared and acquainted the Selectmen, that there was a number of French Neutrals at that Town; some belonging to Boston, and other Neighboring Towns; and the Selectmen having considered what was mentioned to them.

Voted, that the following Letter be sent to Dr. Kneeland in answer thereto.

Sir.

The Affair you mentioned to us we have fully considered and are of Opinion that we shall interfere with the Overseers of this Town if we meddle with the Neutrals now at Cambridge; they have already taken some steps with respect to them, know best who are the Poor of this Town, and to whom they have given certificates

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston May 7, 1764
To Dr. Kneeland

[108.] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 9, 1764

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Major Green appeared, and desired liberty of the Selectmen to open a private Drain of his near his House in Atkinson Street, in order to enter the same into the Common Shore — whereupon

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Voted that Liberty be accordingly granted, provided the Ground be as soon as may be made good, and the Pavement restored to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 10, 1764 A. M.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Co^{n}. Joseph Williams one of the Selectmen of Roxbury appeared at the Selectmens Chamber, and acquainted them, that a Young Woman of that Town and living in the Main [**109.**] Street being taken down with the Small Pox, the Town were very desirous of, and therefore pray'd that liberty might be granted them, to remove said Person to the Hospital at New Boston, or some other part of the Town that is still infected.

Voted, that Liberty be granted accordingly for the sending said Woman to the Hospital, provided the Town of Roxbury, immediatately provide a Place that may serve in case of any future immergences

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 10. 1764, P. M.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Joseph Foye for Fourteen Pounds being for services in the Small Pox — as p. Account on File.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Esther Foye for Four Pounds fifteen Shillings being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Acco^{t}. on File.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of M^{r}. Thomas Procter for Twenty five Pounds fourteen Shillings and seven Pence ¾ being for Supplys in the Small Pox — as p. his Account of particulars on File.

[**110.**] A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Elizabeth Williston, (Wife of Ichabod Williston) for £3-6 being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Account of particulars on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, and Overseers of the Poor at the desire of the Selectmen, May 10, 1764.

It was proposed whether it would be expedient to visit the Town with a view to know the state of it respecting the Small Pox.

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Voted in the Affermative.

It was further Voted, that the enquiries should be —

1. The name of the Head of each Family.

2d. How many are sick of the Distemper in his or her Family.

3d. How many are now exposed to & liable to take ye. Infection.

4d. What Strangers, they have in their Families under Inoculation.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 10, 1764

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

[111.] Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston — In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings p. annum of Free hold in Land with in this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the fifteenth Day of May Current at 9. O'clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons, (being Freeholders and resident in the Town) according to the number set and limitted by an Act of the General Assembly, to serve for and represent in a Great & General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened, held and kept, for his Majestys service at the Court House in Concord upon Wednesday the thirtierth Day of said May, and so de Die in Diem, during their Session and Sessions according to a Precept under the Hand & Seal of Stephen Greenleaf Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing Date the first Day of May in the Fourth year of his Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1764

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the [112.] Law directs to meet at the same Time and place to determine on the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants for paving part of Moon Court; The Petition of John Hill and Samuel Wentworth Esq. relative to the damage that part of the Neck Leased to them has sustained in the late Storm; Of Mr. John Vinal that an allowance may be made him, for Reasons set forth in his Petition; Of sundry Inhabitants for paving part of Cambridge Street; To consider what measures may be proper for the preservation of Beacon Hill; Whether a further Time shall be allowed the Assessors to set for the abatement of such Persons Taxes as by the Small Pox have been prevented from applying in season; Whether any Methods shall be taken for the better regulating the Market and Land Adjacent; Whether Instructions shall be given to the Representatives that may be chosen; Whether any thing farther can be done towards clearing the Town of the of the present Infection; Whether Application shall be made to the General Court for

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Relief under the present distressed Circumstances of the Town, by means of the Small Pox; To receive the Reports of Town Committee on several Affairs; To choose such Officers as may be wanting; And to act upon all such matters and Things as stand referred over to said Meeting.

[113.] N. B. The Poll for the choice of Representatives will be closed at Twelve O'Clock, and a strict scrutiny made as to the Qualifications of the Voters.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 12, 1764. A. M.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

It being Reported to the Selectmen, that two Persons who are Strangers, and came into Town since the 20t. of April, were Inoculated by Dr. Joseph Gardner in a House near Colmans Wharff Mr. Williston was directed to desire the Doctor to give his attendance at the Selectmens Chamber; who attended accordingly; and acknowledge that he had Inoculated said Persons, as was Reported, but that they were to go down to Point Sherley immediately, in order to pass through the Small Pox at the Hospital at that place.

Mr. Draper the Publisher of the Thursdays News Papers was sent for, and attended accordingly; The Selectmen then desired, that so long as the Small Pox should continue in Town, he would not publish any thing in his Paper relative to that [114.] Distemper, but what shall come from themselves — Mr. Draper was also desired to acquaint the other Printers that the like Conduct was expected from them.

The Town having at their May Meeting chose Four Fire Wards in addition to the former number of twelve; Mr. Cutler was directed to make four Badges; and Mr. Williston was ordered, that as soon as they are finished, he carry one to each of those Fire Wards.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 12, 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent the several Printers for a place in their Papers to be published Monday next.

The Selectmen have heard that many Persons are coming into Town from the Country for Inoculation, under a notion that liberty has been granted there for, where fore they inform all Persons whatsoever, that no such liberty has been or will by them be given

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and if Persons [115.] Do persist in their intrusion upon the Town they cannot answer for the effects of that resentment which has risen and is still rising in the Breasts of Multitudes of the Inhabitants against those who attempt so grossly to abuse them as to make this Town a Hospital, not withstanding proper Hospitals are provided conveniently situated to receive such as incline to take the Distemper. The Select men and Overseers are now visiting the Town for the information of the Inhabitants at their meeting tomorrow, by which will be discovered the state of the Town with regard to the Infection, and what Strangers or others do intrude upon us.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

It being Reported that Capt. Thomas Procter had one Person and Mr. Robert Jenkins two Children, at their Houses who came in lately from the Country, and have been Inoculated; the latter by Dr. Joseph Gardner; where upon he and the other Dr. was sent for, who came and assured the Select men that the Inoculated should be immediately sent out of Town.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

[116.] Voted, that Messrs. Henshaw and Jackson be a Committee to wait on the Revd. Mr. Cooper, and desire him to open the approaching Town Meeting With Prayer.

Messrs. Schollay and Ruddock appointed a Committee to inspect the North Buryal Ground, and to Report the state thereof.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Ebenezer Lovel living in King Street appeared and made application to the Selectmen, for liberty to Inoculate and send to the Hospital at New Boston, a Negro Servant of his Son in Law Mr. Emmerson, who is come here from Marble[head?] — the Select men having considered said Request—Voted, unanimously, that the same be not granted.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 21. 1764.

Present
[117.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

William Clouston Master of the Briggandine Hound, appeared, and informs that he has been from Cork in Ireland, thirty four Days; that about fourteen Days after he left said place, A Person

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on board broke out with the Small Pox, and since that Time four others have had the Distemper, two of whom have deceased, — That his Cargo consists of Beef, Pork and Butter; and there are two Persons on board beside a Lady Passenger, liable to take the Infection.

In consequence of the above Report the following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley the Keeper of the Pest House.

Boston May 21. 1764.

Sir.

You having Reported to us that Capt. Clouston in the Briggandine Hound from Cork has stopt at Rainsford Island with the Small Pox, and that said Vessell is much infected, having three Persons now sick on board — Our Orders are that so soon as those People who are sick can be moved with safety, you do take them on [**118.**] Shore-cleanse the Vessell, and Report to us your doings the Passengers who are not sick you may permit to come to Town.

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
Selectmen of Boston

The Selectmen having received a Petition from a number of the Inhabitants, praying that a Meeting of the Town may warned to be on Thursday next, that the sense of the Inhabitants may be taken respecting Inoculating at Noddles Island, and that such steps may be taken as will effectually prevent any Inoculating Hospitals being Erected in this Town or the limits of it — where upon —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston — In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Boston aforesaid, duly qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate beside the Poll, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the twenty fourth Day of May Current at Four O'Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to consider of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants, that [**119.**] The Sense of the Town may be known respecting Inoculating at Noddles Island; and that such steps may be taken as will effectually prevent any Inoculation Hospitals being Erected in this Town, or the Limits thereof.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 23d. 1764

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq

Mr. Williston was directed to carry the Sealing Irons he had received from Mr. Hews House, unto Mr. Cromby one of the new Sealers of Leather.

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Messrs. Scollay and Austin appointed a Commttee to view the Houses, belonging to Dr. Sprague and M^{r}. Gordon, which were taken up by the Selectmen, for the service of the Town in the Small Pox.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 25. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[120.] Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Town Clerk is directed to give an attested Copy of the Instructions Voted, by the Town, to each of the Representatives, as also to the several Printers, in order for their being published in the several News Papers

Coll^{o}. Henshaw and Coll^{o}. Jackson, are added to the Committee, for the Repairs of the Hospital at New Boston.

Voted, that an attested Copy of the Vote of Thanks, (passed at a late Town Meeting), to the several Doctors of the Town for Inoculating and carrying thro' the Distemper Gratis, a number of the Inhabitants be published in all the News Papers.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 28. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an [121.] Assize of Bread at the rate of Four Shillings and eight pence ℔ Bushel for Wheat and four pence ℔ Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9	4
Wheaten		13	14
Houshold	1	2	9
Two Peny White Loaf	1	2	9
Wheaten	1	11	13
Houshold	2	5	1
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	7
Houshold	6	15	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	13
Houshold	13	14	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	2	2	1
Bisket of a Copper price		6	2
N. B. a 4^{d}. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	3	7	10
A proper allowance to be made for the drying of Bisket			

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
[122.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Upon a Motion made, the Selectmen took into consideration the Allowance which has been given the Bakers for a considerable Time past in the Assize of Bread; for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood — when it was ordered, that the sum of Six pence ℔ Bushel on Wheat baked by them be allowed in the Assizes hereafter to be set and made out by the Clerk; which is two pence more than the former allowance.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1. 1764

Nathaniel Oliver Esq. lately come to this Town from Falmouth apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a private School in this Town for the Education of Youth, in such Arts and Sciences as are within his Capasity; and under such directions, and restrictions, as the Selectmen for the Time being shall enjoin him — Mr. Olivers request being back'd with the recommendation of a considerable number of Inhabitants, and approved of by the Ministers at the North part of the Town, where said Oliver lives.

[123.] Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted Mr. Oliver for opening a School in this Town for the purposes aforesaid.

Ordered, that there be a new Assize of Bread, and the Town Clerk Post up one at the rate of Four Shillings & eight Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9	-
Wheaten		13	- 8
Houshold	1 -	2	-
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	2	
Wheaten	1 -	11	
Houshold	2 -	4	
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	1	
Houshold	6 -	12	
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	2	
Houshold	13 -	8	
Four Peny Brick Loaf	2 -	1	
Bisket of a Copper price		6	
N.B. a 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh according to Law	3 -	0 -	12

A proper allowance to be made for the drying of Bisket & such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grains a proportion from the Assize must be seized.

[124.] The Selectmen having received a Precept from the Honble. Samuel White Speaker of the House of Representatives

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dated 31st. May 1764, for choosing a Representative in the room of the Honble. Royal Tyler Esq. chosen into his Majesty's Council.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their respective Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings ℘ Annum in Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the Sixth Day of June Current at 10. O'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one Person being a Freeholder and resident in the Town) to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court in their present Session at Concord, and so for the remaining part of this Year in the room of the Honble. Royal Tyler Esq. chosen into his Majestys Council according to a Precept under the Hand and Seal of the Honourable Samuel White Esq. Speaker of the Honble. the House of Representatives bearing date the thirty first Day of May last.

[125.] Voted, that the Rev^d^. M^r^. Samuel Checkley Junr. be desired to open the Town Meeting on Wednesday next with Prayer, and that M^r^. Ruddock be desired to acquaint him therewith.

Voted that Messrs. Drapers have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 2^d^. 1764.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Upon Complaint made of several Persons coming up from Point Shirley quite Green with the Small Pox and very infectious, and at the same time information being given, that the Inhabitants resented this conduct so much, that there was danger of their taking some extraordinary steps to prevent it — the Selectmen Judged it proper to send for D^r^. Gardner one of the Physicians that attends the sick at that place; He not being at home, the following Letter was wrote D^r^. Barnet then at Point Shirley.

Sir.

We are informed that several [126.] Persons who have been inoculated at Point Shirley have lately come into this Town with the Small Pox green upon them, and that a great number are in a few Days coming from thence; such proceedings will continue the Distemper in this Town, and consequently be very detrimental to it; as there are not many familys in Town down with the said Distemper, and in some parts of it we are entirely clear of the Small Pox; Wherefore we do desire and must insist upon it that the Gentlemen concerned at the Point do take proper care that no Person came thence into Boston untill they

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are quite well of the Distemper, thoroughly cleansed, their Cloths properly aired, and their Persons quite free from any infection. Unless a speedy stop be put to the above manner of conduct we fear it will be the occasion of some unhappy event as it is much resented by the Inhabitants of the Town — Dr. Sylvester Gardner not being in Town we thus write to you

Your Humble Servants
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston.

Boston June 2d. 1764.
Dr. Barnet.

[127.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 4. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. William Daws apply'd for liberty from the Selectmen to remove a Child of his Sister Goldthwaits from his House to the Hospital at New Boston — An Order was accordingly given Mr. Foye the Keeper, to receive said Child when sent there, as also a Person to attend it in the course of its sickness.

Dr. Sylvester Gardner attended by desire of the Selectmen, when they discoursed with him relative to those infectious Persons who had come from Point Shirley into this Town — whereupon Dr. Gardner engaged to take all possible care to prevent such practices for the future —

Capt. Ruddock having acquainted the Selectmen that Mr. ——— was about erecting an House at the South End Corner of Beer Lane; it was agreed that the Selectmen take a view of the place in order to adjust and preserve the Bounds of the Street.

[128.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 5. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information being given the Selectmen that one Dorr a Fisherman, belonging to Roxbury was taken down with the Small Pox at a House in this Town near the Revd. Mr. Byles's Meeting House — Colle. Henshaw went to said House and the Man consented to be moved to the Hospital, but upon examination his Circumstances were found to be such, as would not permit its being done without risque of his Life.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 6. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

It being thought proper by the Selectmen that [**129.**] The state of the Town with respect to the Small Pox should be again taken, the following Letter was wrote the Gentlemen, Overseers of the Poor. Viz^{t}.

Gentlemen

Many People are urging that the several Wards, in this Town should be again visited in order to discover the state of the Town with regard to the Small Pox—It appears adviseable to us to undertake it this Weeks, that we may Advertise the same in the Monday News Papers. We shall be together 'till the Evening if it suits you to Join us at the Hall in order to set the Time; you will be pleased to let us have your answer by the Bearer, whether we may expect you or not.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston June 6, 1764.

Gentlemen, the Overseers of the Poor.

M^{r}. Foye Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston was directed to dismiss from thence M^{r}. Fethergills three Children, as their Circumstances will now allow of their leaving the Hospital.

The Draft for last Month not being given in—

Voted, that M^{r}. Cooper have a Draft therein of Twenty Pounds being an account of his services as Town Clerk.

[**130.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 7. 1767 [*sic* in original.]

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Constables were directed to attend this Afternoon at the Selectmens Chamber.

The Selectmen having received from the Overseers of the Poor in answer to what was wrote them; on the Yesterday, that they could not accompany them in a visitation of the Town this Week for reasons mentioned in their Letter (on file) and the Constables being present according to order.

Voted, that the Constables be directed to go through their respective Wards from House to House and enquire.

1st. The Name of the Head of the Family—
2^{d}. Whether any therein are sick of the Small Pox—
3^{d}. Whether any of their Familys are liable to the Distemper

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and what number — And that they make return to the Selectmen of their doings on Satturday next 3 O'Clock P. M. when they may expect a suitable reward for their trouble.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 9. 1767. (*sic.*)
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
[131.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge Elizabeth Utinock and her two Children, she being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support herself and Children.

The Several Constables of the Town attended, and gave in their Return of the State of the Town with respect to the Small Pox; by which it appears that there are 33 Familys in Town which have the Small Pox among them, in which are 41 Persons still sick of that Distemper — and that 178 Familys are yet exposed to the Infection, in which are 291 Persons liable to the Disorder.

The following Letter was sent Drs. Nathaniel Parker & Loyde — Gentlemen —

Above is an attested Copy of the Town Vote relative to Inoculating at Noddles Island, & whereby you'l perceive that we follow the Orders of the Town, when we acquaint you, that we now [132.] Withdraw our leave for Inoculating at said place.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston June 9. 1764
Drs. Nathl. Perkins & Loyd

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11 1767 (*sic.*)
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

The following Advertisement was this Day publish'd in the several News Papers —

Boston June 9, 1764.

Upon enquiry into the state of the Town with regard to the Small Pox, it appears that it is now in only thirty three Familys, which encourages the Selectmen to hope that the Town may be cleared of said Distemper in ten Days or a Fortnight provided

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those who moved into the Country to avoid it will forbear coming in, till they may do it with less danger than at present, In the mean Time we would advise all Persons who have had the Infection in their Familys immediately to smoke [**133.**] Cleanse and air their Houses and all such Things as may retain Infection, that our Friends from the Country may not be exposed when they return to us, Also all Persons who have been Inoculated for the Small Pox at Point Shirley, are warned against coming up to this Town without producing a Certificate from their Doctors, or in their infected Garments, or untill they are thoroughly air'd and cleansed, and entirely clear from Infection as they would avoid the resentment of the Town which runs too high to be long restrained — As to the Physicians of the Town the Gentlemen will not violate their Obligations to us, or be so regardless of the Interest of this Community, as to Inoculated a single Person in the Town after this Time.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen

The Deacons of the New North Church having requested of the Selectmen liberty to bring their Tower about four Feet beyond where the Porch now stands on the Street, and the same being considered —

[**134.**] Voted, That no such Liberty can be granted by the Selectmen —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 13, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

William Frankland Master of Engine N°. 9, informed that the Engine under his care was the first brought to work on the Fire that broke out at M^r^. Pitmans Tirpentine House on Blowers Wharff; and desired that the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four Pence granted by the Town may be ordered them — whereupon

Voted, that said Frankland & Comp^y^. have an Order on the Town Treasurer, for the Sum of thirteen Shillings and four Pence, the next Draft Day.

[End of Book 12.]

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK 12, A.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 13t. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Mr. Jonathan Jenkins appeared, and desired liberty to break Ground in Wood Lane, in order to carry a Drain into the Common Shore.

Voted, that liberty be granted him accordingly, provided, he make good the Ground, and restore the Pavement as soon as the Drain is finished, to the approbation of the Selectmen.

Messrs. Henshaw and Scollay are appointed to take a view of Mr. Lovels School House &c. and to Report what Repairs they apprehend to be necessary.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[2.] Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent Messrs. Drapers for a place in their Paper — Vizt.

Boston, June 16t. 1764

The Selectmen hereby inform the Public, that no more than twenty three Persons, and those in Eighteen Familys, are now sick with the Small Pox in Town, and most of them upon the recovery, they have there fore directed that Red Flags be hung out at those Houses, and they expect and require, that the Persons in whose Familys that Distemper may hereafter break out, give them immediate notice thereof, as they would avoid the penalty of the Law —

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 18. 1764.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information having been given the Selectmen that one of Capt. Moultons People bound to Philadelphia, whose Name is Lewis, was taken down with the Small Pox at the House of one Davis near the Mill Creek; Dr. Whetworth was sent there to [3.] Examine into the truth of said information, and dispose the Person for a removal to the Hospital, who Reported that the Man had really got the Distemper, and expressed a willingness to be removed — where upon —

Voted, that Mr. Williston be directed to carry him to the Hospital immediately, and that Dr. Whetworth be disired to Attend him as a Physician

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 19 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

A Draft was made on the Treasurer in favor of Joseph Foye for Eleven Shillings one farthing, being for Services in the Small Pox, as p. his Account on file

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 20. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[4.] Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mess: Sewall & Thwing appointed a Committee to view Daffrons Wells, and Report what is best to be done.

Mr. Alexander Jenkins having informed the Selectmen that a Child of Samuel Ross at his House near Dr. Cutlers Church has the Small Pox broke out upon it, — Mr. Williston was directed to put out a Red Flag at said House as a signal of Infection ——

The following Letter was sent the Clerks of the Market.

Boston, June 20. 1764

Gentlemen

The Selectmen have ordered that Mr. Calls Brown Bread shall be considered by you as Household and weighed accordingly, provide it does not exceed one half Indian meal ——

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

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lb. oz.
N.B. A 4d. Loaf must weigh 4 8

Information was given the Selectmen by Mr. Adams that a Child of Mr. Woodlands at Whentworths Wharff is taken with the Small Pox said Woodland refusing his consent to its being sent to the Hospital, a Flag was ordered out as a signal of Infection ——

The following Advertisement was sent to Messrs. Draper for a place in their News Papers.

[5.] Boston June 21t. 1764

The Publick are hereby informed that several of the Families enumerated in our last Advertisement, as being infected with the Small Pox, are now clear of that Distemper since which two Persons one at Mr. Rosses near Dr. Cutlers Church, the other at Mr. Woodlands on Whentworths Wharff have been taken with it; at those Places Flags are hung out as well as at the others still visited — We again desire of the Inhabitants, that they would immediately smoke and cleanse their Houses, and also clear their Yards of what may be like to retain Infection, that we may be soon able to certify our Friends in the Country, it has been done, and that they may return to us with safety — All Persons are advised strictly to conform themselves to the Laws now in force for preventing the spread of infectious Distempers, among us, as they would avoid the penaltys thereof —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 21t. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. William Russell of Providence and Messrs. Shapely [6.] Hawley and Thomas Martin of Marblehead, appeared, and informed the Selectmen that they had been inoculated at Point Shirley about a Month past, and produced Certificates from Dr. Barnets, that they had sufficiently cleansed before they left the Point — at the same time those Gentlemen declared that before they came from thence they were washed all over, had received fresh Cloathing, and left behind the Gavments worn while the Distemper was upon them.

The Selectmen having received information that a Negro Boy was this Day taken with the Small Pox at the House of the Widow Fellows near the Fortification — he was with the consent of his Mistress immediately sent to the Hospital at the West Part of Boston. ——

Collo. Williams of Roxbury appeared and acquainted the Select men that one Frances Dagle a French Neutral belonging to Boston was broke out with the Small Pox; at the same time praying, that as that Town was not infected, they would consent to her being removed to this Place — The Selectmen having satisfied themselves by enquiry of Mr. Tyler an Overseer, that she did belong to this Town — Gave their Orders to Mr. Joseph Foye to

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receive her into the Hospitals, and also sent her a Nurse from the Almshouse.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1764.

Present

[7.] Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information being given the Selectmen that a Child of Mr. Whitlys in Hanover Street was taken down with the Small Pox, and that he would not consent to its being removed — Mr. Williston was directed to put out a Flag as a signal of Infection, and a Guard was placed at said House.

Mrs. Allen living near Mr. Barrets House being this Day taken down with the Small Pox, and having consented to be removed, she was accordingly sent to the Hospital at New Boston.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 22 & 23d.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Selectmen agreed to go through the several Wards on the Morrow in order to take the present state of the [8.] Town with respect to the Small Pox —

Dr. Church attended, when the Selectmen consented that he should visit Mr. Fellows Negro now sick of the Small Pox at the Hospital.

Ordered, that the late Act respecting Infectious Distempers be published in all the News Papers, as also an Extract from a Law of George the 2d. which enjoins those Persons who have the Small Pox in their Houses to put out Flags &c.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 23d. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent to the several Printers for a place in their Papers Monday next —

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Boston June 25th. 1764.

The Public are hereby informed that after a strict examination and enquiry made by the Selectmen it appears that there is no more than twelve Persons now sick with the Small Pox in this Town, and these in Eleven Families vizt. M^r. Bakers near M^r. Elliots Church, M^r. Rosses near D^r. Cutlers Church, M^r. Bennets and M^r. Clarks in Fish Street [9.] M^r. McMullins near M^r. Pembertons Church, M^r. Woodlands at Wentworths Wharff; M^r. Cheeseman at the back of Ann Street; M^r. Witlys opposite Cold Lane, M^r. Rixes at Wind Mill Point; M^r. Hubbards at the Head of M^r. Grays Rope Walk, and M^r. Evans's near Deacon Hills Distill House; at all these places Flags are hung out; We again desire of the Inhabitants that they would immediately smoke & cleanse their Houses, and also clear their Yards of what may be like to retain Infection, that we may be soon able to Certify our Friends in the Country it has been done, and that they may return to us with safety — All Persons are advised strictly to conform themselves to the Laws now in force for preventing the spread of Infectious Distempers among us; as they would avoid the Penaltys thereof —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 25, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize [10.] of Bread at the rate of Four Shillings and Six Pence p. Bushel for Wheat and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9	4
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Houshold	1	2	9
Two Peny White Loaf	1	2	9
Wheaten	1	11	3
Houshold	2	5	1
Two Peny White Loaf			
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	7
Houshold	6	15	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	13
Houshold	13	14	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	2	2	1
Bisket of a Copper price		6	2
N.B. a 4^d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat			
¼ Rye meal, must weight	3	2	4
A 4^d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	4	8	

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According to Law, Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grains from the Assize must be seized.

A Draft on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Mr. Sampson Salter for Three Pounds seven Shillings, being [**11.**] For services in the Small Pox — p. account on File.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Capt. Richard Tripe for Two Pounds sixteen Shillings being for Supplys in the Small Pox as p. Account on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Joseph Badger for Two Pounds four Shillings & five Pence being for work done in the Small Pox — p. Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen that a Negro Child whose Mothers Name is Humphreys, living in a House opposite Grenoughs Mast Yard, has the Small Pox out upon her; but as the Distemper was upon the turn, it was not thought adviseable to move her, and a Flag was there fore order'd to be put out as a signal of Infection.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Isaac Massingham, for twelve Shillings and nine Pence [**12.**] Being for services in the Small Pox, as p. his Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Voted, that Robert Gibbs of Providence Esq. have a Draft on the Treasury for Thirty three Pounds six Shillings and eight pence lawful Money, being the Sum the Town of Boston was Assessed by a Jury appointed by two of His Majestys Justice of Peace, as their proportion of cost of the Land taken from said Gibbs to enlarge Street by Faneuil Hall Market, laid waste by a late Fire.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 30. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

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The following Advertisement was sent the several Printers for a place in their Papers.

Boston June 30t. 1764

The Public are hereby informed, that on Tuesday & [13.] Wednesday last, the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston, accompanied by several of the principal Inhabitants, visited every Family in the several Wards, and took an exact account of the Number of Persons that have had the Small Pox, either in the Natural Way, or by Inoculation, since it first broke out in December last; and thereby it appears that 644 White Persons and 55 Blacks have had it the Natural way, of whom died 102 Whites and 22 Blacks; and that 4690 Whites and 287 Blacks have had it by Inoculation of whom 43 Whites and 3 Blacks died; It also appears that no more than 8 Persons in 6 Familys are now sick with that Distemper in Town and most of them upon the recovery; 1537 Person removed into the Country, and 519 Persons are still exposed to it, some of whom are Infants, born since it began to spread, others who were in Town the last Time it was here, but do not remember to have had it, though its probable they have, but the most are such who had removed to avoid the Infection, but have returned since the decline of the Distemper. (See on the other Page.)

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1, 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[14.] The following addition was made to the Advertisement on the other side, and published in all the Papers, Vizt. The Select men further inform that of the above Number Inoculated about 400 were Inhabitants of other Towns, and that Guards are placed and Flags hung out at the several Houses still Infected; They again call upon all Persons who have had the Distemper in their Familys to smoke cleanse and air their Houses, Beds, Cloths, Linen, and every thing that can retain Infection, and to bring the Dirt and filth of their Yards into the streets, as measures will be immediately taken to remove it to distant and safe places; Such Persons as do not strictly conform themselves to the Laws in force for preventing the spread of infectious Distempers, may depend upon being prosecuted to the vigor of the Law —

By order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1764.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

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The following Persons were this Morning placed as Guards to the several Houses still infected with the Small Pox — Viz^{t}.

William Rose — at M^{rs}. Hubbard near Grays Rope walk.

[15.] Lawrance Collins — At M^{rs}. Evans's near Deacon Hills Distill house —

Philip Mockland — at M^{r}. Rixs, near Wind Mill Point —

William M^{c}.Alpin — at M^{r}. M^{c}.Mullins in Kneelands Lane.

John Hyder — at M^{r}. Bakers, near M^{r}. Eliots Church.

Orders were delivered each of the above named Guards of the following tenor —

Boston July 2^{d}. 1764

M^{r}. ———

The Small Pox being at M^{r}. —— House near —— we hereby appoint you a Guard for said House, our Directions to you are, That you suffer no Persons to go in or out of said House except the Doctors; Any Necessarys that may be wanted for the Family you are to get to them as well as you can; you must not leave the Watch untill 11 O'Clock at Night nor fail attending again by Day break; We have ordered a Flag to be put out as a signal of Infection in said House, and we depend on your behaving with great care and faithfulness in your Watch, as the safety of the Inhabitants will much depend upon it, and on your so doing we shall make you a proper Allowance for your care and service —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 2^{d}. P.M. 1764.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[16.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen by M^{r}. Cheeseman who lives near the Mill Creek, that two of his Children were broke out with the Small Pox, and being unwilling to have them removed, Orders were given that his House be shut up, and a Flag hung out as a signal of Infection; and Adam Artwick, was appointed a Guard therefor —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 3^{d}. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen that a Child of M^{r}. Silsbeys near Charlestown Ferry has the Small Pox out upon him, and that he was willing to have it removed to the Hospital to Morrow Morning —

John Mortell was appointed a Watch for that Night.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 4t. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[17.] Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered that Mr. Joseph Foye have a Draft on the Town Treasurer for Four Pounds lawful Money, being in part for services in the Small Pox —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 5, 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Mortell for Six Shillings it being for services in the Small Pox — as p. his Account on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Philip Mockland for Sixteen Shillings lawful Money, being for Services in the Small Pox, as p. his Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 6. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
[18.] John Ruddock Esq.

We the Subscribers hereby engage with the Gentlemen the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, that if they will order the Well, late the Estate of Isaac Daffins which is now in ——— Street, to be cleared at the Charge of the Town, we on our parts will put in a Pump in said Well, and keep the same in constant repair for the benefit of the Inhabitants near it, and to serve in case of Fire.

JOHN COTTON
ANDREW LEPEAR
JOHN WHITTEN
ISAAC AUDIBERT
JOHN RICE
JOHN JOY
ROBERT WILLIAMS
WILLIAM ANDREWS

Boston July 1, 1764

The aforegoing is a true Copy of the Original Agreemt. made with a Number of the Inhabitants relative to the Repairs of a Well late of Mr. Daffins.

Att. WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

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The following Advertisement was sent for the several News Papers — Viz^{t}. —

Boston, July 9, 1764

The Selectmen acquaint the Public, that no more then Six Persons are now sick with the Small Pox in Town and those in four Familys, vizt. M^{rs}. Hubbards near Grays Rope Walk, M^{r}. Cheesemans near the Mill Creek [19.] M^{r}. M^{c}. Mullins in Kneelands Lane leading into Sudbury Street, and M^{r}. Bakers near M^{r}. Elliots Church. The Houses Bedding &c. of those who have had the Distemper are smoking and cleansing, and the Carters are dayly employed in carrying the Street Dirt to Places of safety — Guards are fixed and Flags hung out at the Houses infected; and any Persons belonging to them who through carelessness or presumption should mix with the Inhabitants, and thereby expose them to infection; and such others as do not in every respect conform themselves to the Acts in the force for preventing the spread of contagious Distempers, may expect being prosecuted to the rigor of the Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Voted, that the Selectmen visit the public Schools in this Town on Tuesday the 10. Instant and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany them therein — Viz^{t}.

The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esq.
Honble. Thomas Hubbard Esq.
The Honble. James Bowdoin Esq.
The Honble. Thomas Hancock Esq.
The Honble. Thomas Flucker Esq.
The Honble. Harrison Gray Esq.
[20.] The Honble. Royal Tyler Esq.
The Gentlemen the Representatives of Boston
The Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chauncey D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Jonathan Mayhew D.D.
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Mather Byles
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Andrew Elliot
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Checkley Junr.
M^{r}. Samuel P. Savage
John Rowe Esq.
M^{r}. John Lane
Thomas Tyler Esq.
M^{r}. George Bethune
Joshua Winslow Esq.
James Pitts Esq.
John Tudor Esq.
Zach^{l}. Johannott Esq.
Co^{llo}. Whiting of Connecticut

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Samuel Fitch Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
[21.] Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood
Mr. Rufus Green
Samuel Wentworth Esq.
Dr. John Sprague
Mr. Edward Foster
Mr. Nathaniel Coffin
Capt. Ichabod Jones
Mr. Francis Shaw

Mr. Williston is directed to acquaint the several Gentlemen thereof, and to Notify them to attend at Faneuil Hall 8 O'Clock in the Morning of said Day.

Voted, that a Dinner be provided at Faneuil Hall for about 50 Gentlemen on the Day for visiting the Schools and that Mr. Ballard shall have the dressing thereof, and also furnish the Liquors that may be wanted.

The Selectmen on the 4t of July Inst. passed upon the List of Persons licensed the last Year to sell strong Drink as Retailers and Inholders within this Town, which was approved excepting such as are removed or married, as therein noted.

And also passed upon the Petitions of Licenses for [22.] the Year ensuing; and the following Persons were approved and recommended — Vizt.

Elizabeth Bracket, Widow at her House in School Street as an Inholder
Francis Warden, at his House in Cushings Lane as an Inholder
John Colman at his House on the Dock —— Ditto
William Campbell at his House called the Salutation Ferry as an Inholder
James Clemmens at the Head of Vernorns Wharff as an Inholder
Joseph Ballard, at his House near the Hay Market as a Retailer
Edward Perce at a House on Boston Neck over against the George Tavern - - - - as a Retailer.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 11. 1764.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Select men on the Yesterday being the 10t. of July Visited the public Schools according to their Vote of the 6t. Instant Accompanied by the following Gentlemen Vizt.

[23.] The Honble. Thomas Hubbard Esq.

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The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esq.
The Honble. Thomas Flucker Esq.
The Honble. Harrison Gray Esq.
The Honble. Royal Tyler Esq.
The Gentlemen the Representatives of Boston
The Gentlemen the Overseers of the Poor
The Rev^{d}. Mr Ebenezer Pemberton
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Mather Byles
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Andrew Elliot
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Checkley Junr.
Mr Samuel P. Savage
Joseph Green Esq.
Thomas Tyler Esq.
A Gentlemen from the Jerseys
Joshua Winslow Esq.
John Tuder Esq.
Zach . Johonnott Esq.
Coll^{o}. Whiting of Connecticut
Samuel Fitch Esq.
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Samuel Hews Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
[24.] Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries Esq.
Samuel Wentworth Esq.
D^{r}. John Sprague
M^{r}. Edward Foster
M Nathaniel Coffin
Cap . Ichabod Jones
M^{r}. Fancis Shaw

And found the South Gammar School had 120 Scholars — the North Grammar 47 Scholars. The South Writing School 230 Scholars — the North Writing School 163 Scholars — the Writing School in Queen Street 148 Scholars all in very good order.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Lawrance Collins for Two Pounds lawful Money being for Services in the Small Pox, as p. his Account on file.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasuer Jeffries in favor of William M^{c}.Alpine for Two Pounds four Shillings lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox as by his Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 18. 1764.
[25.] Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Adam

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Hartwick for Three Pounds four Shillings lawful, being for watching at M. Cheesmans House as p. his Account on file.

The following Persons were this Day approved and recommended by the Selectmen as Inholders and Retailers

Mr. Sarah Checkley, at her House near
Deacon Barretts - - - - - - as a Retailer
Joseph Ingersol Esq. at his House called
the Bunch of Grapes - - as an Inholder
Mr. Caleb Davis, at his Shop near the
Fortification - - as a Retailer
see July 6.

The Selectmen having received an Account from Mr. Barrett one of the Overseers of his supplys for one [26.] Sarah Eatherton of Lancaster during her sickness with the Small Pox &c. amounting to Fourteen Pounds three Shillings & four Pence; an Account was made out for the Town of Lancaster, and delivered Mr. Treasurer Jeffries to forward and receive the Money due.

NB. The said Person was duly warned out of Town and Caution entred as p. Certificate on file.

The following Advertisement had a place in the last Mondays Prints —

Boston July 16t. 1764

The Public are informed that one of the Persons mentioned in the last Advertisements as having the Small Pox is now well, the other three are almost recovered, no one has been taken down with it since, and the two Persons who have the Distemper at the Hospital are in a fair way of doing well; Guards are set and Flags hung out at the places infected, for the information and security of those who are dayly coming into Town. Care has been taken that the Houses Beds Clothing &c. of those who have had this Illness should be sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and the Dirt and filth of the Streets removed to places of safety — It is hoped, that not only a fear of incurring the severe [27.] Penalties of the Law, but a tender regard to the Lives and safety of our returning Friends, will prevent any one from mixing himself with the Inhabitants untill he is satisfied, that he is entirely clear of the Infection.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following Advertisement was published in the last Thursdays News Papers — Viz.

Boston July 19, 1764

The Public are hereby informed that last Monday a Woman in Capt. Strouds House at the back of Fort Hill was taken with the Small Pox, but is now so well as to be about her Chamber; Flags are kept out and Guards continued at Mr. Bakers House by the New North Church, and Mr. Hubbards House near Mr. Grays Rope Walk, it being apprehended that they are not yet free from Infection: Those Persons are recovered who had the Distemper in the Hospital at New Boston, and at Mr. Chapmans at the bottom of the Common —— Such of the Inhabitants as do not in every respect conform themselves to the Act in force, for preventing the

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spread of Contagious Distempers, may expect [28.] Being prosecuted to the rigor of the Law

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 23d. 1764.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The following Advertisement was sent to the several Printers for a place in their Papers — Vizt.

Boston, July 23d. 1764

The Public are informed that since our last Advertisement, two Children who about a fortnight past were removed from our Infected House to the Hospital at the bottom of the Common, were last Thursday taken with the Small Pox; but have it in the most gentle manner; no one in either of the Hospitals is now liable to that Illness; Mrs. Stroud in her House behind Fort Hill, where a Flag is hung out and a Guard placed, with those mentioned above are the only Persons in Town now sick with the Distemper [29.] Or that have the Symptoms of it —

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Ordered that Adam Artwick be appointed as an Assistant to the Guard placed at Mr. Hubbards House near Mr. Grays Rope Walk, it being an House of Ill fame.

At a Meeting of the Select men July 25. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The two Children with the Small Pox at Mr. —— Chapmans at the bottom of the Common, where on the Yesterday together with the Mother that attends them removed from thence to the Hospital at New Boston.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Hyder for Four Pounds lawful Money, it being for watching at Mr. Bakers House.

[30.] The following Advertisement was sent for a place in Thursdays Paper — Vizt.

Boston July 25. 1764.

The Public are hereby informed that no Person in Town is now sick of the Small Pox or has the Symptoms of it, except two Children at the Hospital at New Boston, and Mr. Strouds, at a House behind Fort Hill

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 26, 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Benjamin Smith in the Briggandine Hope from Liverpool, last from Plymouth N. E. where he is owned, arrived at Rainsfords Island this Day. Mr. Hartley informs, that the said Captain and four of his hands have had the Small Pox, two of which [31.] Number deceased at Sea, one other he left at Plymouth himself and Boy now on board — his Vessell is loaded with Salt Cod and English Goods all under Decks — and Crates of Ware and Cordage between Decks — None of his Hands nor of the Six Passengers who came in him are liable to the Distemper.

The following Directions were given Mr. Hartly Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island respecting Capt. Smiths Brigg. Vizt.

Boston July 26, 1764.

Mr. Thomas Hartley

Sir.

The Briggandine Hope Capt. Benjamin Smith from Liverpool, last from Plymouth where she is owned, being stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of having the Small Pox on board — Our Directions are that you immediately receive the Passengers on shore, and not permit them to come up to Town untill they are sufficiently aired, and you have our further Orders — you must also receive all the Cloths Bedding &c. and air and cleanse them; as also the Crates of Ware, and other Goods between Decks, which the Captain shall deliver you; and Report to us the Circumstances of the Briggandine and [32.] Cargo &c. as soon as may be.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The following Letter was sent Capt. Smith Master of the Briggandine Hope — Vizt.

Boston July 26, 1764.

Capt. Benjamin Smith

A Letter you this Day wrote Mr. Otis has been shown us, the account it contains of the state of your Vessell relating the Small Pox, does not altogether correspond with the Account we have from Mr. Hartley, we therefore require you to send us up immediately such a one as when you are called upon you will swear to, that you be very particular as to the Time when you left your Port, at what Time the Small Pox first appeared on board your Vessell, when each Person that has had it were taken down; how many have died, and when they died, whether the others are well, or in what situation they are in, what has been done as to cleansing and smoking your Vessell and Goods. — Whether you have now on board other Passengers or others that are liable to the Small Pox. In the mean Time we would

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inform you that your Vessell must not leave the Island untill she and her Cargo &c. are sufficiently aired, and Mr. Hartley can Certify as that they are so; in order to effect this we have ordered mr. Hartley to receive from you any [33.] Goods, Clothing, Passengers &c. you may put on Shore on the island under his care in order to be aired.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 27. 1764.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Hartley brought a Letter from Capt. Smith in which is insetted the state and circumstances of his Vessell & Cargo relating the Small Pox — Mr. Hartley at the same Time Reported that the Passengers were sufficiently aired, and had fresh Clothing to put on, and that they might depart the Island with safety to the Inhabitants.

The following Letter was wrote Mr. Hartley — Vizt.

Boston July 27, 1764.

Mr. Thomas Hartley

Our Orders to you respecting Capt. Smiths Vessell and Cargo are, that you see the Vessell be thoroughly aired and cleansed, and whatever Goods & Clothing [34.] Capt Smith shall deliver you, do you take on shore at the Island, and air them, and then Report to us, what you have done. You having represented to us, that Capt. Smiths Passengers may leave the Island with safety, you may permit them to go first taking particular care, that they are well aired, and that the Clothing they put on be fresh and free from any Infection.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 27, 1764.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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The Selectmen having taken into consideration the Order of the Town, relative to the preservation of Beacon Hill, and also view'd the Premisses — it was

Voted, That a Board Fence be run between Mr. [35.] Hancocks, and the Towns Lands on Beacon Hill — also

Voted, that the Avenues leading to said Hill be shut up and that proper Manure be put on, and the same sown with Hay Seed, so far as may be Judged necessary — also,

Voted, that Collo. Jackson Mr. Austin and Collo. Thwing be a Committee to carry the above Vote into execution.

It is agreed that the Select men go upon Beacon Hill in order to see the Six Rod of Ground belonging to the Town measured off, before the Fences are erected.

Mr. Hancock appeared, and agreed with the Selectmen to pay one half the Charge of erecting a Fence between his and the Towns Lands on Beacon Hill.

It is determined by the Selectmen, to keep open the Passage Way at the Head of the Dock; and that the said Passage Way shall be continued of the same width round the Dock to a Post parallel with the Posts round the East end of the Market

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 30. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[36.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread, at the Rate of Four Shillings and Six pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	4
Houshold	1 -	2 -	9
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	9
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	3
Houshold	2 -	5 -	1
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	7
Houshold	6 -	15 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	13
Household	13 -	14 -	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	2 -	2 -	1
Bisket of a Copper price		6 -	2
NB. a 4d. Brown Loaf ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	3 -	2 -	4
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian a	4 -	8 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the Drying [37.] of Biskets and such Bread as is not well baked, or

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that shall be made of different Grain and proportion from the Assize is to be seized.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of William Ross, for Five Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. Account on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Adam Artwick for One Pound lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox as p. Account on file.

Mr. Peter Johonnett appeared, and acquainted the Selectmen that his Wife was taken with the Small Pox at his House in Orange Street, South end, and that he consented to her being removed to Mr. Chapmans Hospital at the bottom of the Common to Morrow Morning, but utterly declined permitting her being removed to the Hospital at New Boston.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 31. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

Boston, July 31. 1764

Mr. Thomas Hartley

[38.] Sir

We do not apprehend Capt. Smiths Briggandine can come up to Town with safety untill Saturday next, at that time if you think she has been sufficiently cleansed you may permit her to depart, keeping on shore the Crate of Ware or any other Goods wherein here may be danger untill further Orders; the Bale Goods that are now on board must every Day untill that Time, the Weather being fair, be taken on Deck and aired — We depend on your care

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 31. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

Messrs. Henshaw and Austin two of the Selectmen went this Morning to Mr. Johonnetts House in order to remove his Wife to Mr. Chapmans at the Bottom of the Common agreeable to the Promise made on the Yesterday, when Mr Johonnett acquainted the Select men that he received the last Night a Letter from Mr. Sheriff Greenleaf, intimating, if not threatening an opposition to her being removed to Mr. Chapmans by stopping the Chaise &c. which hints had [39.] Made such impressions on Mrs. Johonnetts Mind, that a removal under these Circumstances must be attended with the risque of her Life. Great pains were taken by Mr. Johonnett, the Selectmen and others to compose and satisfie the Lady that her re-

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moval would be attended with no danger — but their endeavors proved inefectual.

The following is a true Copy of the Letter wrote Mr. Johonnett by the Sheriff, which was referred to above.

Monday Evening

Mr. Peter Johonnett

Sir

After parting with you I met the Selectmen, but fear that my expostulations, with them have not been sufficient to convince them of the great injustice which will be done to a number of the Inhabitants living near the Common by suffering Mrs. Johonnett to be brought there — I have seen many of the Neighbors and they are extremely uneasy; and we are all of Opinion that you have no power to remove an Infected Person from one Neighbourhood to another, nor do I imagine that while there is a public Hospital in the Town (every way convenient for the reception of the Sick) that the Selectmen have any power to remove the Infected Person to any other place. I am as much concerned both for you and the Public as they can be, but as there is two other Passages into Town than that by your House I see no necessity for any removal at all [**40.**] But if there be any it ought certainly to be to the proper Hospital — If the other should be attempted, and an opposition should be raised so as to stop the Chair in its passage, you cannot blame those who are deeply interested — I should be excessive sorry to have Mrs. Johonnett frightened, but as I find the People bordering on the Common so uneasy, I wont answer for the consequence, and therefore give you this friendly notice — I am Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

S. GREENLEAFF

The following is a true Copy of Mr. Willistons Deposition respecting Sheriff Greenleaff

Boston August 1, 1764

Thomas Williston of lawful Age testifys and declares that he was attending upon the Selectmen at their Chamber on Monday Evening last, that the same Evening he saw Mr. Sheriff Greenleaff at one of the Doors of the Market, when he said to him, Mr. Williston if you should be at the moving the Woman (meaning as he supposed Mrs. Johonnet) and should meet with any interruption, take no notice of it, upon which the Deponent said I do not know whether I shall move her.

THOMAS WILLISTON

Suffolk ss. Boston August 1, 1764 — Then the above named Thomas Williston personally appeared and made [**41.**] Solemn Oath to the truth of the above written as subscribed by him — before me.

BELCHER NOYES Justice Pacis

In consequence of the above mentioned conduct of Sheriff Greenleaff respecting Mrs. Johonnott the Selectmen presented the following Memorial to the Governor and Council

To His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq. Captain General and

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Governor in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay and the Honble. His Majestys Council.

The Memorial of Joshua Henshaw, Joseph Jackson, John Scollay, Benjamin Austin, Samuel Sewall, Nathaniel Thwing, and John Ruddock, Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

Humbly Sheweth

Your Memorialists in the Capacity afores^d^. have exerted themselves to remove the remainder of the Infection with which this Town has been visited, that our own Inhabitants who moved from it might return in safety, and our Neighbours from the Country round us come freely in to trade with us; We have so far succeeded that we encouraged our selves and the Public to think the danger in a good measure over; But it is so ordered in Providence that M^rs^. Johonnott the wife of M^r^. [42.] Peter Johonnott living in Orange. Street one of the main Streets leading into y^e^. Town, was two Days since found to have the Small Pox — Your Memorialists considered that should the infected Person continue in a place so public & a Neighbourhood where it is said fifty Persons are near who have not had the Distemper, it might be the means of continuing the Infection much longer in the Town; entirely stop the intercourse again between Town and Country, or at least alarm all around us so much as would be of bad consequence to the Community: We therefore determined to move the said M^rs^. Johonnott, and both she herself and her Husband agreeing, that she should be removed to M^r^. Chapmans at the bottom of the Common, which has been many Times used for an Hospital the removal which would have been effected Yesterday, had it not been for the interposition of M^r^. Sheriff Greenleaff in a manner which the Letter and Affidavit accompanying this will discover to your Excellency and Honors.

Your Memorialists beg leave to complain to your Excellency and Honors of this extraordinary Conduct in a Public Officer, which has prevented the design'd removal, continues the Infection in a situation which threatens this Town with a continuance of our Calamity and Distress and not only encourages Persons to Counteract and [43.] Frustrate our faithful Endeavors for the Interest of this Town, but tends to countenance an opposition to lawful Authority where its Exertions are imagined to interfere with private Convenience.

We humbly submit the matter to your Excellency and Honors wise Consideration, and shall as in Duty bound ever pray &c.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston.

The following is what passed at Council when the above Memorial was taken under Consideration

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At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boston upon Wednesday the 1st. of August — 1764.

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq. Governor &c. His Excellency and the Board took under Consideration a Complaint of the Select men of ye Town of Boston that they had been defeated in their Intentions of removing Mrs. Johonnott lately taken ill of the Small Pox to a separate House, by [44.] the interposition of Stephen Greenleaff Esq. to the great damage of the Town; the Selectmen and the said Mr. Greenleaff being personally present, and heard upon the subject matter of the said Complaint. It appears that the Selectmen were acting in the due execution of the Law, in their attempt to remove Mrs. Johonnott, and that it was the Duty of his Majestys Subjects to assist and encourage them therein, but the said Mr. Greenleaff declaring before his Excellency and the Board that he was ignorant of the Law impowering the Selectmen to remove Persons to any other place than the established Hospital, and that if he had known the power of the Select men, or they had declared to him they had such power he would not have used any Measures to discourage the Person to be removed from consenting thereto. It further appearing that the said Mr. Greenleaff apprehended his own Family exposed by the intended removal.

Advised That His Excellency accept the excuse and Acknowledgment of the said Mr. Greenleaff.

A. OLIVER, Secy.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 31. 1764. P. M.

Present

[45.] Mr. Samuel Procter, was directed by two of the Select men, viz. Collo. Jackson and Mr. Sewall, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge Ishmael Bamfort and Wife, who are Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province, nor having where with all to support themselves.

Mr. William Ross appointed a Watch for Mr. Peter Johonnotts House in Orange Street South end, and Orders given him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 1st. 1764 —

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Capt. John Bradford appeared and desired liberty of the Select men to break Ground, by his Dwelling House in Cold Lane, in order to carry a Drain into the Common Shore.

Capt. Bradford has Liberty so to do provided he make good the Ground and restore the Pavement as soon as may be to the approbation of the Selectmen.

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[46.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 3d. 1764 —
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

My it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Hope Benjamin Smith Master from Liverpool, being stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox, having been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, we are of Opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper — We are

Your Excellencys most Obedt.
Hum. Servt.
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston

Boston August 3d. 1764.

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 7. 1764.
[47.] Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

A Motion was made for taking off the Guard from Mr. Johonnotts House in Orange Street, Mrs. Johonnott being free from the Small Pox, as appeared by a Certificate from her Physician Dr. Nathaniel Perkins.

The Selectmen having duly considered of the same Judged it not to be expedient to give into it; and therefore Ordered that the Guard be kept up, and the Flag continued out untill further Directions be given.

John Burk late a Soldier who came here from New York, and being at Times disordered in his Senses, was sent to the Almshouse on the Province Charge, but the Regiment he belonged to having been at Hallifax, where he was discharged Messrs. Scollay and Austin are appointed a Committee to procure him a passage thither soon as possible.

It having been represented to the Selectmen that the School house in Queen Street, was out of Repairs — [48.] Messrs.

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Scollay and Austin are appointed a Committee to see what is necessary to be done, and to get the same effected as soon as possible.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 8, 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Henshaw who had been at Mr. Johonnotts House, having Reported that the same was sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and that Mrs. Johonnott was well, and free from any Infection; The Selectmen gave Orders for striking the Flag, and taking off the Guard.

Mr. James Burdet Constable of the Watch placed at the Town House, who was obliged to leave his Charge some months past on account of the Small Pox, being now returned — The Select men consent that he again take upon himself the trust of Constable of said Watch.

Thomas Read Master of the Engine that is kept under the Town House appeared, and having represented the expediency of having another Man added to his Company; and at the [49.] Same recommended Shubael Hews as a suitable Person for the place.

Voted, that there be one Man added to Mr. Reeds Company, in addition to his former Number, and that they approve of Mr. Hews for that place.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Mr. William Ross for One Pound sixteen Shillings lawful Money, being for watching Nine Days at Mr. Johonnotts House, as p. account on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Lawrance Collins for Three Pounds twelve Shillings lawful Money, being for services in Small Pox — as p. Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 9. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Upon representation and complaint made by the Bakers that price of Wheat was set at a lower rate in the last Assize than the Flour can now be purchased for — it was Voted that the Assize be altered — also —

[50.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and eight pence p. Bushel for Wheat and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

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	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9 -	
Wheaten		13 -	8
Houshold	1 -	2 -	
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	
Houshold	2 -	4 -	
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	1 -	
Houshold	6 -	12 -	
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	2 -	
Houshold	13 -	8 -	
Four Peny Brick Loaf	2 -	1 -	
Bisket of a Copper price		6 -	
N.B. A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	3 -	0 -	12
a 4d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian dr.	4 -	4 -	

According to Law allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain & proportion from the Assize must be seized.

[51.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 10. 1764. —
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

M. Henderson Phillips appeared and informed the Selectmen that he has let an House of his near Clarks Wharff to one William Mc.keen, who came from Charlestown.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constable of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate besides the Poll, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the thirteenth Day of August Instant at 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to consider of the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants, representing that the Usher of the South Grammar School is about leaving the Town for want of a competent support; and therefore praying that some Measures may be taken by raising his Salary or otherwise to retain in the service of the Town a Person so well qualified for the Education of Youth; To receive the Report of the Selectmen respecting the Terms upon which Samuel Wentworth Esq. will give up to the Town his Lease of the Lands upon Boston Neck [52.] And to act upon all such other Matters as may properly came before said Meeting.

Messrs. Thomas and John Fleet, are to have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 13. 1764
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

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Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Constable having failed of their Duty in not warning the Inhabitants of their several Wards according to Law of a Town Meeting this Day — and said Meeting having been therefore set aside by the Selectmen.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forth with to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate besides the Poll, to Convene at [53.] Faneuil Hall on Thursday the sixteenth Day of August Instant at 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to consider of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants representing that the Usher of the South Grammar School is about leaving the Town for want of a competent support; and therefore praying that some Measures may be taken by raising his Salary, or otherwise to retain in the service of the Town a Person so well qualified for the Education of Youth; To receive the Report of the Selectmen respecting the Forms upon which Samuel Wentworth Esq. will give up to the Town his Lease of the Lands upon Boston Neck; To determine what steps shall be taken in order to comply with the Conditions upon which the late Honble. Thomas Hancock Esq. has left a Legacy to the Town of Boston, towards Erecting a House for the reception of such unhappy Persons as it shall please God in his Providence to deprive of their Reason; And to Act upon all such other Matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

Ordered that Messrs. Daniel Kneeland & Brother have the Printing of the Notifications for the evening Town Meeting.

A Draft was made on M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Esther Buccannan for Eighteen Shillings [54.] Lawful Money, being for service in the Small Pox as p. her Account on file — August 15.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 15. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Peter Brown having made Application to the Selectmen, to take a view of the Land in which he was about Erecting a Wooden Building, to see whether a Foundation can be obtained without great charge.

Messrs. Sewall and Ruddock was appointed a Committee for that purpose.

Some evil minded disorderly Persons, having carried off the Stocks which had been placed near the Town House Capt. Andrews was directed to make a new pair, as soon as may be.

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A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Joseph Foye Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston for Ten Pounds lawful Money in part of what is due to him for services in the Small Pox, as p. his account on file.

[55.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 20. 1764 —
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Information was given the Selectmen last Satturday Evening that a Negro Man belonging to Capt. James of New Port was taken with the Small Pox at the Crown Coffee House near the Long Wharff — whereupon Mr. Williston was directed to take him in the Sedan, and carry him to the Hospital at New Boston, which was accordingly done that Night.

The Guard placed at Capt. Strouds House was sent for who appeared and Reported, That the said House had been well smoked, cleansed and white washed, agreable to the directions he had received from the Selectmen — he was further Ordered to see that the Nurse had a Shift of Cloths provided for her, and that her other Cloths together with those of the Persons deceased, be thoroughly smoked washed &c. after which he might leave the Guard this Evening first directing the Flag to be struck.

[56.] The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Honbe Judge of Probate, for the County of Suffolk bearing date the 14th. Instant, empowering and desiring them to enquire into the Circumstances and Conditions of Daniel Silsby of this Town Inholder, Represented to him by his friends, to be a Person Non Compos Mentis. — Enquiry & examination was accordingly made, and the following return given into his Honor.

Vizt.

Boston, August 20. 1764

In Compliance with the within Warrant we have visited Mr. Daniel Silsby, and find him to be a Person Non Compos

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston

To the Honble. the Judge of Probate

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Hyder for Three Pounds Eight Shillings lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox — as p. his Account on file.

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[57.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 22d. 1764 —
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Capt. Jonathan Clark applied to the Selectmen that some Person might be appointed to sweep the Chimnies, there being such a neglect thereof, as must endanger the Town — whereupon Voted, that an Advertisement be published calling upon any Person disposed to undertake the business of Chimney Sweeping, that they apply to the Selectmen who are ready to contract with a suitable Person for that purpose agreeable to the Vote of the Town.

Messrs. Sewall and Ruddock having view'd the Place Capt. Bourn is about to Erect a Wooden Building upon agreable to his application the 15 Inst. Report — That no solid Foundation for a Building with Stone or Brick can be obtained there without great Expence.

M. Thomas Hubbard informed the Selectmen that he was going to move into Admiral Vernons Tavern in King Street, and desires the Selectmen would favor him with their approbation.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 27. 1764 ———
Present
[58.] Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

John Syms Constable of the South Watch came to the Select men and informed that last Fryday Night being 24 Inst. a Negro Fellow named Dick came to the Watch House in his Shirt, and complained of a number of young Fellows were breaking into his House, upon which the Watch went down from Starr Lane towards the said Dicks House, when they met a Gang runing up said Lane calling out past two O'Clock. The Watch haled them, they answered, ask my Arse, the Watch then made up to them, they ran and the Watch running after them came up with them by Dr. Gardners Shop. The Watch made some attempt to stop them, upon which one of them flourish'd a naked Sword over the Watchmens Head threatning if he did not go about his Business, he would run him through upon which the Watchman struck at him with his Pole which three of the Company laid hold of and endeavoured to rest out of his Hand at the same Time running the Sword near his Face, One of the Watchmen being very much affrightened cryed out Murder, the other two having no assistance quitted the Young Men and they made off.

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[59.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 29. 1764

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Examined a Number of Persons relating to the Riot on Beacon Hill Fryday Night last, when the Fence lately Erected to prevent the passing and Repassing untill the Way could be repaired was cut down — Those Depositions are minuted in the last Page of the rough Minute Book —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 30. 1764 —

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The following Persons agreed with the Selectmen, to take Leases, for Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, which are to bear Date the 1t. of August Instant, and agreeable to the rates affixed to the several Numbers, Vizt.

[60.] John Bryant for	Stall N°.	15	@	10/	p.	Month
	Stall —	19	@	6/3	p.	ditto
John Shirley for	Stall —	14	@	10/	p.	ditto
	Stall —	20	@	6/3	p.	ditto
Simon Howard	Stall —	17	@	10/	p.	ditto
	Stall —	15	@	6/3	p.	ditto
	Stall —	6	@	6/3	p.	ditto

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, September 5, 1764.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Hannah Robishan for Three Pounds four Shillings lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox as p. her Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 6, 1764.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

[61.] Voted that Mr. Cooper the Town Clerk have a Draft on

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the Town Treasury for Twenty Five Pounds lawful Money, being in part of what is due to him.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for thier Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf	-	7 -	14
Wheaten	-	11 -	13
Houshold		15 -	12
Two Penny White Loaf		15 -	12
Wheaten	1 -	7 -	10
Houshold	1 -	15 -	8
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	6 -	14
Houshold	6 -	10 -	5
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	13 -	12
Houshold	13 -	4 -	10
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	8
Bisket of a Copper price	-	5 -	4
N. B. A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	12 -	4
4^{d}. Ditto, not above ½ Indian Meal	4		

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying [62.] Of Bisket and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^{r}. 8, 1764

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

His Honor the Chief Justice having desired of the Selectmen liberty for the Superior Court to set at Faneuil Hall the next Week for the tryal of some Criminal Cases — Liberty was accordingly granted upon Condition that all damages that may happen, be made good by the County.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, September 17. 1764.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Coll^{o}. Jackson is appointed with the Town Clerk to get the Leases for Stalls at Faneuil Hall Market signed immediately.

The Selectmen this Day Certified the Assessors of [63.] The Town of Boston, that the Town is now wholly free from the Small Pox.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 19, 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forth with to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate besides the Poll, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twenty fourth Day of September Instant at 9. O'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to receive the Report of the Selectmen respecting the terms upon which John Hill and Samuel Wentworth Esq. will give up to the Town their Leases of the Land, upon Boston Neck; and in case the Town came to any Agreement, with the said Lessees, to consider what is necessary for the Town to do on said Lands, & whether they will take any Methods for raising such sums of Money as they shall agree to give them; To choose a meet [64.] Person or Persons as Agent or Attorneys to prosecute for or defend the Town in such cases wherein there is not yet any Person or Persons legally vested with authority for that purpose; To Consider what is proper to be done respecting the Petition Benjamin Hall Esq. has presented the Great and General Court at their last Session for an alteration of the run of Bread Street &c. a Copy whereof has been served the Clerk of the Town, that a cause may be shown if any there be the next sitting of the Court, why the Prayer thereof should not be granted; To choose Jurors for October Court, and to act upon all such other Matters, as may properly come before said Meeting.

Ordered, that M^r. Samuel Kneeland have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septem^r. 20. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

M^r. Jenkins Master of Engine N°. 3 informed the Selectmen that said Engine was first brought to work at the Fire which lately broke out at M^r. Scannels House near the Rev^d. M^r. Pembertons Church, and desired that the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four Pence granted by the Town may be [65.] Allowed them, whereupon — Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same accordingly.

M^r. Frankland Master of Engine N°. 9. proposed Benjamin Bur-

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dick as an Engine Man in the room of Mr. Greenleaff who has resigned.

Voted, that the said Burdick be and hereby is admitted an Engine Man in said Company.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 24. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

John Tudor Esq. came to the Selectmens Chamber and informed them, that he had let a Shop near his House, to Mr. Benjamin King from Salem.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Thomas Williston for Eight pounds one Shilling & five Pence two farthings, being for services in the Small Pox, as p. his 2 Accounts on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor [66.] Of John Williston for Two Pounds and four Pence lawful Money being for services in the Small Pox, as by his Accot on file.

The following Orders were delivered Mr. Abijah Adams Clerk of the Market — vizt.

Boston, September 24l 1764

Sir,

You being by the Town of Boston chosen to act as Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, It is our desire that you observe that the Butchers that hire the Stalls do conform to their Leases. Vizt. That they bring into the Market all the Hydes Skins and Tallow of all such Creatures as they shall kill, and that they keep their respective Stalls clean & that at the shutting up of the Market at One O'Clock they carry out all the Hydes Skins and Tallow, and also all the Beef that shall be cut up that is less than a Quarter, and all other Meat of what kind soever; that those Butchers that occupy the Stalls do not bring into the Market any kind of Poultry other than of their own raising to sell. Observe that every Person that Erects a Stall or put their Panyers or Carts within the Limits of the Market do pay for the same as follows — Vizt. For every Stand or Stall from the middle West Door on each side down to the Street Eight Shillings p. Month or Eight Coppers p. Day for each — For each Stand or Stall in the other parts of the West end of the Market Six Coppers p. Day — For each Cart with Beef or [67.] Sauce or any other Articles for Sale that stands in any other place within the Limits of the Market. Four Coppers p. Day — For each pair of Panyers two Coppers p. Day.

By Order of the Selectmen
William Cooper Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 26. 1764

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.

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Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Capt. Nicholas Lobdell was approbated by the Selectmen as an Inholder, he having lately hired the Tavern on Minots Wharff.

Voted that Messrs. Thornton and Putham have a draft on the Treasury for Fifty Pounds lawful Money, on Account of Paving work they have done for the Town.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Proctor Keeper of the Alms house his Province Accounts amounting to £. 282-2— and £. 21-4-3—Copys of which are on file.

[66.] Mr. Seth Blodget was approbated by the Selectmen to keep a Tavern at the Royal Exchange near the Town House he have lately hired the same.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and one Peny p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	3
Wheaten		12 -	4
Houshold	1 -	0 -	6
Two Penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	9
Houshold	2 -	0 -	12
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	9 -	11
Houshold	6 -	2 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	3 -	6
Houshold	12 -	4 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	13 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	8
NB. A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	13 -	8
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian.	4 -	-	-

According to Law Allowance should be made for the [67.] Drying of Biskets and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grains and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 3d. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

One John Stonny came to the Selectmens Chamber and being questioned by them it appears, he came from Middleton in Con-

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necticut, and that he lives with his Wife and two Children in Gibbins' Court.

Coll°. Jackson and Mr. Austin appointed a Committee to view the Warehouse improved by Messr. Thompson and Gridley, and report what Repairs or alterations are necessary.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 4. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
[68.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Roger Mc. Knight applied to the Selectmen in behalf of the Widow Hervey for leave to break up the Street in order to lay a Drain from Mrs. Herveys House at the bottom of Jolliffs Lane into the Common Shore in Water Street — Liberty was accordingly granted provided the Ground and Pavement be restored as soon as the Drain is finished to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Moses Gill applied for leave to break up the Street in Wings Lane in order to repair the foundation of his House there — Liberty was accordingly granted upon condition that he restore the Ground and Pavement as soon after as possible, and to the approbation of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 8. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[69.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. William Jackson apply'd for leave to take up the Town Pump at the Northwest Corner of the Town House in the Main Street, and undertake to the same himself provid the Selectmen will assess such Persons as are benefited there by to pay their proportion.

Voted, that His Request be granted.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 10. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Abraham Putnam appeared, and asked the favor of the Select men that he might be restored to his place in the Company of,

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Engine Men, under the Direction of Mr. Jenkins who is Master of Engine No. 3.

Voted, that the said Putnam be again received as an Engine Man in the Company aforesaid.

Mr. Henshaw appointed to treat with Mr. —— for the Ground Rent of a Shop on the Towns Lands near Fortification.

[70.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 17. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Samuel Grant Esq. acquainted the Selectmen that he has received into his Family as a maid one Amy Allen from old York.

The following Advertisement was sent to the several Printers for a place in their Papers —

Boston September — 1764

Any Persons inclined to hire or purchase the Land on the West side of Boston Neck lately Leased to Samuel Wentworth Esq. are desired immediately to send their proposals to the Selectmen who are also ready to treat with any Persons who would undertake to repair the Drain on said Land.

Passed upon Capt. Tripes Province Account amounting to £2-15. 8. 4/5 Copy of which is on file.

Passed upon Thomas Hartleys Province Account amt. to £13-13-4 — Copy of which is on File.

[71.] Capt. Thomas Marshall apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open the Ground in Cow Lane in order to lay a Drain into the Common Shore through Jacob Knodles Drain.

Liberty was accordingly granted upon Condition the Ground and Pavement be made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Passed upon Messrs. Champny and Hollands Province Account amounting to £.30-2-4 — as p. Accot. on file.

Passed upon Thomas Willistons Province Account amounting to £.3-11-4 — Copy of which is on file.

Passed upon Mr. John Brocas's Province Account amounting to £.4-19-10½ — Copy of which is on file.

Passed upon Mr. Robert Durants Province Account amounting to £.3-4 — Copy of which is on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 19. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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[72.] Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by the Town Tanners, that the Butchers who hold Stalls in the Market, do not bring their Hides to Town for Sale, notwithstanding their Obligation so to do, but instead thereof dispose of them to the Country Tanners, whereby ours are disinabled from carrying on their business; which is a general disadvantage to the Town, the Butchers were sent for. Upon discoursing with them they pretended, the Reason they did not bring the Hides, was, that the Country Tanners allow them a Premium for each Hide over and above the Two Pence p. Pound, which the Town Tanners refuse to give them — But the Selectmen having heard what the Parties had to offer are of opinion that little doubt can be made of the intentions of the Butchers, and that the only way to prevent them from evading the Terms of their Leases for the future, is for the Selectmen to set the price of Hides from Time to Time, making a reasonable allowance for carting the same to Market.

It is accordingly Voted, That the Tanners shall give the Butchers two Pence p. Pound for Green Hides, and one Shilling p. Hide for Carting to the Market untill further Orders. also —

Voted, That the Tanners shall give the Butchers two Pence p. Pound for Green Hides, and one Shilling p. Hide for Carting to the Market untill further Orders — also — Voted, That such Butcher or Butchers as shall neglect bringing their Hides, to this Market, on the above terms, shall not be permitted to hold their Stalls any longer — It was further Voted, That Mr. Adams the Clerk of the Market, be directed to take an Account of the Beef each Butcher [73.] Holding a Stall in the Market brings in; and also to note whether they bring in Hides equivalent thereto; also on Account of the Hydes purchased by the Tanners from Day to Day, and of whom they are bought — and that he Reports to the Selectmen immediately those Persons who do not comply with the above Terms.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 22d. 1764.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Boston October 19. 1764

Mr Abijah Adams

Sir,

You are desired to take an Account of the Beef each Butcher holding a Stall in the Market brings in, and you must observe whether they bring the Hydes equivalent thereto— You are also to take an Account of the Hides the Tanners purchase from Day to Day, and of whom purchased. If any of the Butchers should omit bringing their Hides and offering them to sale at the price the Selectmen have stated, which is two pence p. pound for Green Hides, and one shilling for Carting

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each Hide to the Market, you must Report the same immediately, that they may be proceeded with accordingly — By Order
W. COOPER T. C.

[74.] The Select men this Day Agreed with Mr Young the Keeper of the County Jayls, that he shall be allowed Nine Shillings and four Pence p. Week for the Board of John Burk a Stranger, sick & disordered in his Head & not having wherewithall to support himself; as also to satisfie for the Charge he may be at in finding him Candles and Charcoal; (Mem. said Burke was late a Soldier in his Majestys service)

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octr 24. 1764.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of John Gray for Eighteen Shillings lawful Money, being so much allowed him for watching in the Small Pox as p. Account on file.

A Draft was made on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Samuel Sewall Esq. for Sixteen Shillings [75.] and Six Pence lawful Money, being for supplys in the Small Pox — as p. his Account on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Octor. 29. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and ten pence p. Bushel, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
[76.] Bisket of a Copper price	0 -	5 -	12
NB. a 4d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	
a 4d Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	8 -	

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According to Law, Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain & Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

Capt. Gustavus Fellows apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain from his House near Coll^{o}. Thwings Bake House into the Common Shore.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 31. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

M^{r}. Foye Keeper of the Hospital at New Boston was directed to hand into the Selectmen an Inventory of the Beds Bedding and every Utensel belonging to said Hospital.

[77.] A Draft was made on M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of the Town Clerk for Nine Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence, being for services in the Small Pox as p. his Acco^{t}. on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 1. 1767.—sic.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

M^{r}. Hews living at the South part of Boston apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain entring into the Common Shore near his House in Essex Street.

Voted, that liberty be granted accordingly provided the Ground is made good and the Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Messrs. Calff Torrey and other Tanners attended & having represented to the Selectmen that most of the Butchers, who have Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, still neglect to bring in the Hydes of the Creteeres offered by them for Sale to the Inhabitants; agreable to the terms of their Leaces; and M^{r}. Adams the Clerk having produced his Minutes which confirmed what the Tanners had related; Voted that the several Butchers [78.] Be sent for, and that such of them as do not give assurances that they will bring in all their Hydes for the future, shall have their Stalls taken from them immediately.

M^{r}. Henshaw Reported, that agreeable to the desire of the Selectmen he had disposed of one of the Town Bulls, that was breechy and unruly to —— Robinson of Dorchester for Ten Dollars.

M^{r}. Nathaniel Ruggles, attended, and informed the Selectmen that he should not bring in his Hydes to the Market agreable to

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the terms of his Lease. whereupon he was ordered to remove from said Stalls.

Messrs. Simon Howard and James Ballard who hold Stalls in the Market, having neglected to comply with the Condition of their Leases, were removed from the same.

A Draft was made on M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Joseph Foye for Twenty-two pounds nineteen Shillings and eight pence lawful Money, being for services in the Small Pox as p. his Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 7. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
[79.] John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Susannah Ellis informed the Selectmen of her having taken into her House — John Reynolds, his Wife Dorothy & five Children namely — Samuel, Benjamin, John, Edwards and William. Reynolds, — who all come from the Town of Providence.

M^r^. Brown Master of the Engine N. 6. acquainted the Select men, that the House where the same is kept is much out of Repairs — whereupon — Coll. Jackson & M^r^. Austin were appointed view the same and make Report.

M^r^. Brown Master of Engine N°. 6 - having proposed Isaac Wibird & Thomas Moore as Engine Men in the room of Messrs. Cromby and Norcross who have resigned.

Voted, that the said Wibird & Moore be accordingly admitted as Engine Men in the room of those in the Comp^y^. who have resigned.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r^. 8. 1767 (*sic*).

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
[80.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by a number of the Inhabitants, that —— & his Mother are entertained at M^r^. Moultons Tavern at the sign of the White Horse, at which Place he exhibits the City Jerusalem in Wood work — whereby he draws considerable sums from the Inhabitants — and as upon enquiry the Representation is not esteemed by Judges to be the work of Art & ingenuity, but rather an imposition on the public.

Voted, that M^r^. Adams be directed to warn them to leave this Town immediately, and also to acquaint M^r^. Moulton that the Selectmen expects he will not suffer any more exhibitions of the same in his House.

A Draft was made on M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries in favor of Thomas

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Chapam for Fifteen Pounds fifteen Shillings being for services in the Small Pox, as p. his Account on file.

At a Meeting of the Select men Novr. 13. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
[81.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

M^{rs}. Harrod near Joshua Henshaw Esq. House gave information to the Selectmen that she had taken a Woman into part of her House as a Tenant who came from ——

M^{r}. Joseph Putnam Master of Engine N^{o}. —— having proposed Timothy Pess and William Baker as Engine Men for his Company, in the room of Messrs. Perkins and Andebert — they were accordingly accepted by the Selectmen.

Passed upon D^{r}. Doubts Province Accounts amounting to £.197-0-8 — and £2 — as p. Copy, there of on file.

The Selectmen having received an Order from the Honorable the Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to examine into the Circumstances of M^{rs}. Elizabeth Webb of Boston Widow represented by her friends as a Person Non Compos Mentis, attended that business, and having upon enquiry & examination satisfied themselves that said Representation was Just, made the following Return — vizt

In observance of the above we have been at the Lodgings of M^{rs}. Elizabeth Webb, and having enquired [82.] Into the Condition of said Elizabeth we do Report the said Elizabeth to be in our Judgement a Non Compos Person.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
Selectmen of Boston.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 14. 1764.

Present.

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Messrs. Jackson and Austin a Committee appointed the 7^{t} Instant to view the Engine House at West Boston and see what Repairs are necessary — Report —

That the Building requires new Plates, Shingles, Cills &c. whereupon —

Voted, that M^{r}. John Brown be directed to repair said house immediately.

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Coll°. Henshaw and Mr. Scollay appointed to settle with Mr. Richards and Blake the demand as upon them for Quit Rents.

[83.] Ordered, that Mr. Treasurer Jeffries be possessed of all the Leases for Stalls, now signed or that may be signed in future.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 20. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

A Petition of John Burk a poor disorder'd Man late a Soldier in his Majestys Service, to his Excellency the Governor was handed into the Selectmen by M. Secretary Oliver, as also a petition of Joseph Asply a necesstious Stranger praying some relief in order to enable him to return to England.

Mr. Joseph Henshaw acquaints the Selectmen that he has received into one of his Houses as Tenants, Richard Scollay and William Fennecy, the former came last from Kennebeck, and the latter from Roxbury, both Irishmen.

Boston November 20l 1764

Capt. John Marshall

Sir

Inclosed you have a Bill for Two Pounds five Shillings Sterling drawn by John Asply on his Uncle Mr. John Walker at Depsford Great Britain [84.] In favor of your self, and is for Moneys advanced for him by the Province — We shall esteem your care in procuring payment for the same.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Mr. John Hancock attended, the Selectmen and acquainted them, that he had received a Letter from James Scott Master of the Briggandine Lydia from London, advising that he was just arrived at Rainsfords Island in thirty seven Days from the Isle of Wight, and that he has buried while on his passage three Men with the Small Pox, the last about seven Days ago — that there is one on board recovered, from the Illness, and another still sick, but growing well fast — where upon the following Letter was sent Mr. Hartley.

Boston, Novemr. 20l 1764

Mr. Thomas Hartley

We are surprised to hear you have been up to Town this Forenoon with two Gentlemen Passengers from Capt. Scott who has the Small Pox on board, this conduct appears very unaccountable to us, and the more so as you are gone down without seeing us.

Our directions are that you immediately let Capt. Scott know that no Person whatsoever is to be suffered to come from or enter into his Vessell without our Orders [85.] As he would avoid the penalty of the Law. Having done this you are to come up, and

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bring an account of the state of the Vessell, and what Goods are between Decks, being particular as to the sorts — Mr. Green the Kings Boatman has our directions to receive all the Letters, they being first well smoked by you.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Mr. Williams one of Capt. Scotts Passengers who left the Ship and was brought up to Town by Mr. Hartley without liberty, was sent for, when he engaged to the Selectmen that he would keep House untill he should receive their further directions.

Whereas David Wheeler, Master of Engine No. 8 has by his Conduct relating to William Wheeler one of the said Engine Company, treated the Selectmen with disrespect, in that when they had ordered the said William to be dismiss'd from that Company and turned over to the Militia for his great misconduct in Maltreating the Officers of the Militia in the Common, he the said David presumed to receive the said William again without obtaining leave from the Selectmen therefor — as also by refusing to appear at the Selectmens Chamber, when required so to do — The Select men do for this contemptuous behavior dismiss [86.] The said Wheeler from the Charge of said Engine, and Mr. Williston is directed to call upon Mr. Wheeler for his Orders.

Mr. Wheeler having returned to the Selectmen his Orders as Master of Engine No. 8 — Mr. Obediah Curtis was appointed to said trust, and the Town Clerk is directed to make out his Orders accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 21. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. John Grant Collector attended, and desired of the Selectmen that the Bond given by him in 1761. & 1762 as security for his payment of the Moneys Collected by him in those Years, may be given up to him, he having produced the several Treasurers Receits in full for the Taxes of said Years — whereupon the Town Clerk was directed to deliver up said Bonds accordingly.

[87.] Boston November 21, 1764

Mr. Thomas Hartley

Our further Orders to you are that you do not allow any one Person to leave Capt. Scotts Vessell without leave from us, and as Mr. Hancock has directed you to take out the Goods between Decks, you have our liberty to receive the same on shore in order to their being well smoked and cleansed, but you must not permit any one thing to be taken off again without our special directions —— We expect to see you as early in the Morning as possible.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 22d. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Samuel Adams chosen Collector of Taxes for the Year 1764 — came to the Selectmens Chamber & proposed Benjamin Hollowell Esq. & Mr. Robert Pierpont as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of said trust. [88.] Who were accepted accordingly, and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds and see the same executed.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 26. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Voted, that Mr. Bullman for his extraordinary services in the Town House Watch, during the absence of Mr. Burdick Constable of said Watch, on account of the Small Pox, be allowed at the rate of Six Shillings Eight Pence p. month, which amounts to One pound thirteen Shillings and four Pence lawful Money.

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK 12, B.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 26. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Four Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows. Viz^{t}.

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Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
[2.] NB. a 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh		2 -	10
a 4^{d}. Ditto, not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian		3 -	8

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grains and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay William Cooper the Town Clerk the Sum of Twenty Pounds in part of what is due to him for this service the Current Year.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, November 28. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Messrs. Henshaw and Sewall appointed to visit the Almshouse and examine into the Circumstances of the Province Poor, and that they dismiss such Persons from said Hospital as are well enough to leave it.

[3.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30. 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

The Selectmen having received an order from the Honourable Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk to examine into the Circumstances of M^rs^. Susannah Loring Daughter of M^r^. Nathaniel Loring Merchant represented by her friends, to be a Person Non Compos Mentis attended that business, and upon inquiry having satisfied themselves that the Representation was Just made the following Return on the Warrant — vizt

Pursuant to the within we have visited and inquired into the Circumstances and Condition of Susannah Loring, and do Report the said Susannah to be a Non Compos Mentis Person.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston

To the Honble. Judge of Probates

[4.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r^. 30^t^ 1764.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Capt Scott applied to the Selectmen with M^r^. Hancock for leave to bring up the Briggandine Lydia which has been for some Time detained at Rainsfords Island on account of Infection by the Small Pox — whereupon — Voted, that Orders be given M^r^. Hartley for that purpose in the following terms.

Boston Novemb^r^. 30^l^ 1764

M^r^. Thomas Hartley.

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Lydia Capt. Scott, which has been for some Time detained at Rainsfords Island, is sufficiently aired and cleansed, and is as

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you apprehend clear of any Infection, we hereby give you liberty, and our Orders to send the Vessell up to Town.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen.

[5.] The following Certificate was given for his Excellency — Viz^t.

May it please your Excellency

The Briggandine Lydia Capt. Scott which has been for some Time detained at Rainsfords Island on account of Infection by the Small Pox, has been sufficiently air'd and cleansed, and may be permitted to come up to Town with your Excellencys leave.

We are
Your Excell.^y
Most Obed^t Hum. Serv^ts
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen.

To
His Excell^y Francis Bernard Esq.

M^r. Scott who lives at the South end of Boston acquaints the Selectmen, that he has received into his House one Spear and Allyne.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 5 – 1764
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Capt. Jonathan Clark came to the Selectmens Chamber [6.] And prayed leave to break Ground near his House in Long Lane in order to carry a private Drain into the Common Shore — Liberty was accordingly granted him provided he makes good the Ground and Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Capt. Cunningham attended, and desired of the Selectmen that a Case may be provided for the Clock at the Rev^d. M^r. Byles's Meeting House in order to preserve it from the Dirt and other injuries.

M^r. Henshaw appointed to visit the South Writing School, and M^r. Ruddock the North Latin School, and Report whether any further help is necessary for said Schools —

The several Tanners attended the Selectmen, and having been heard, relative to the price of Green Hydes — It was agreed by the Selectmen that the price of such Hydes brought into the Market, be set at One Shilling and six Pence O Tenor p. Pound, the same

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to be weighed at the Market, and to continue so for two Months from this date.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 12. 1764.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
[7.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

M^r. John Grant chosen Collector of Taxes for the Year 1764 — proposed Samuel Grant Esq. and Fortesque Vernon for Bondsmen who were accordingly approved of by the Selectmen.

M^r. Jonathan Payson chosen Collector of Taxes for the Year 1764 — proposed M^r. Alexander Edwards and Jonathan Cary Esq. as his Bondsmen, for the faithful discharge of his trust, who were accordingly accepted by the Selectmen.

M^r. William Dickman informs the Selectmen, that he has taken into his house as a maid, one Hannah Bill who came last from Point Shirley.

Boston December — 1764

M^r. Thomas Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Guards, taken out of the Briggandine Lydia Capt. Scott Master are sufficiently aired and clear of any Infection; that being the case you are to deliver them to M^r. John Hancock or order, who will satisfy you for your labor [8.] And expence on said Briggandine & her Cargo.

Selectmen of Boston.
Boston, December 12. 1764

M^r. Thomas Hartley

You have our liberty to deliver John Williams Esq. his Chest and two trunks of Cloths, as you have Reported to us that they have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and you are to permit M^r. William Peirce to leave the Island, having a proper shift of Cloaths, that no infection may come with him.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

The Selectmen have this Day agreed with the Selectmen of Concord, that if they cannot produce proof before the next Draft Day, that David Tweed lost his Inhabitancy in this Town, they will then give a draft on the Town Treasurer for Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings & five Pence, being the amount in lawful Money of their Bill of Charges against Boston for his maintenance in Concord.

The following Petition was received from some of the People belonging to the Company of Engine N°. 8. late under the Care of David Wheeler.

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To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of the Town of Boston.

We the Subscribers in behalf of the Company [9.] Desire that we may have our former Captain restored to us again, and that we may have the privilege of choosing or nominating of a Captain and Men as Vacancys may arise from Time to Time. And as we are in Duty bound shall forever pray

JOHN BENNET
AARON MAY

The above Petition having been read and debate had thereon, it was Voted, that the same be dismissed, the Selectmen having already appointed a suitable Person to Command said Engine, and being determined not to give up their right of Nominating the Captains in their Engine Companys — and that they disapprove of the insinuation in said petition, that the Selectmen had deprived them of the privilege of Nominating or proposing Persons to fill up the Vacancies in their Company.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 14. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

[10.] Orders were given in Writing to M^r. Obediah Curtis for the government of himself & Company in a Time of Fire and at all other Times, which was of the form following — Viz^t.

Ordered, that M^r. Obediah Curtis be and hereby is appointed Master of the Fire Engine N°. 8 now kept in a House opposite M^r. Clarks Tavern at South End of Boston he to take Charge thereof, and be allowed Twelve men besides himself — Viz^t.

M^r. Obediah Curtis
Joseph Lovering
John Lovering
Ebenezer Hinckley
Robert Roberson
William Hastins
Stephen Greenleaff
William Moor Junr.
Isaac Sumner
John M^c. Faden
Thomas Noland
John Crosby Junr.
Thomas Hinckley

And if they shall at any Time want to put out or take in a Man, of if any difference shall arise between them on any Account, the said Obediah Curtis is to inform the Selectmen thereof, for their directions and orders, and whenever any Fire shall break out, the said Obediah Curtis and Company shall immediately repair to such [11.] Fire with their Engine and there work and improve the same in such places as the Fire-wards shall direct them and that

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they always obey such Orders of the Fire-wards in every respect as they shall give relating to Fires and the extinguishing of them and the said Obediah Curtis & Company are not to depart from any Fire or Fires with their Engine untill they have first obtained the consent of at least three of the Firewards present; that no Person belonging to said Engine shall leave it during the Fire without liberty from one of the Fire wards; that if any one or more of said Company shall not be present and attend his Duty by extinguishing of Fires according to the Directions given him by the Fire Wards (unless prevented by sickness or some other unavoidable necessity) the Master of said Engine shall as soon after as may be give Notice to the Selectmen thereof, that such proceedings may be had there upon as they shall think proper; And the said Master is to take care that the Doors of the Engine House be not at any Time obstructed or prevented being opened by Snow or Ice or any other Thing, and that said Engine be worked once a Month from the first of May to the first of October, and that said Engine and Pails belonging to it be kept in good order, and when at any Time it shall happen that any Thing is out of order or wanting for [**12.**] said Engine, the Master or some of the Company, are directly to apply to the Fire-wards for the Time being, for their direction concerning it; And that they carry with them at all Fires that shall break out, the two Axes, and two Fire Hooks belonging to said Engine, taking care that while Ropes be always fixed to said Hooks and the Axes fixed to the Engine; and that they at all Times keep at least fifteen fathom of white Rope in the Engine House ready for the more easy pulling down of Houses to be used by them in such Manner as the Fire-Wards, shall direct, And that said Company may be distinguished as belonging to said Engine. The Selectmen further Order that such Person so belonging shall at his own Expence provide and at every Fire wear a black Leather Jocky Cap with a Pewter Blaze in the front of it, and the number of the Engine he belongs to, of this they are not to fail on penalty of being removed, And for their care and diligence in discharging their Duty faithfully the Inhabitants of the Town have by a Vote freed them from all other Offices in the Town, as also granted a Premium of Two Pounds Old Tenor to be paid out of the Town Treasury to the Company whose Engine shall first work on any House or other Building that may be on fire provided they in all Things perform their Duty and [**13.**] Comply with the Orders and Directions here in Afore mentioned.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Boston Decem^r. 14. 1764.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 17. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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Mr. Ruddock appointed to enquire into the circumstances of the North Lattin School Reports That Mr. Langdon the Usher of said School has lately a disorder in his Eyes which prevents his giving attendance there as usually, and therefore he desires the Select men would provide a temporary Assistant.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 19. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[14.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Complaint having been made by a Number of the Inhabitants that the Chimnies of an old House of the Widow Hubbards at the Head of Grays Rope Walks occupied by one Griggs is insufficient and dangerous — Thomas Daws Esq. and Richard Hunnewell, were impowered to survey the same.

Mr. Ruddock appointed to discourse Mr. Gyles Harris chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1764 — Reports that said Harris declined serving, for reason given in a Letter of his dated the 19t. Instant on file.

The Selectmen having considered of the request of Captain Cunningham in behalf of himself and a Number of Persons at the South part of Boston, that a Case may be provided for the Clock at Mr. Byles Meeting House, in order to preserve the same — as also that the Town at a late Meeting consented to take the charge of keeping that Clock in Repair upon themselves — do consent that Mr. Cunningham procures a Case for said Clock, provided the Charge thereof does not exceed Six Pounds lawful Money.

[15.] Mr. William Dows informs the Selectmen that he has taken into his House as a Maid one Mary Riggs last from Cape Ann, and has also taken as an Apprentice one —— from Newton.

Capt. John Dunn from Newfound Land having brought as a Passenger one Bartholomew Andrews a Cooper who was and is still liked to be a charge to the Public. — the Selectmen have ordered, that the said Dunn give his Bond with sufficient Sureties to save harmless the Town from any cost and damage that may arise by means of his being brought among us; and in case of his refusal the Town Clerk is to give in his Name to one of the Lawyers in order to his being prosecuted for bringing into the Town a poor lame Man.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 20. 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

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Capt. Dunn who brought in as a Passenger one Bartholomew Andrews appeared, and acquainted the Selectmen, that his Owner Mr. Robert Gould would [16.] give from under his Hands that he will defray any Charge that shall arise by means of the said Andrews being brought among us until they can send him out of the Province — the Selectmen having considered there of consent to accept Mr. Goulds Obligation, and Mr. Scollay is appointed to receive the same.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) duly qualified & rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate besides the Poll to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twenty fourth Day of December Instant at Three O'Clock in the Afternoon; then and there to Choose a Collector of Taxes for the present Year, in the room of Gyles Harris Esq. who has declined serving; to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs, and to act upon all such other Matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

Ordered, that Mr. Zachary Fowle have the [17.] Printing of the Notifications of the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 27, 1764.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Sampson Salter chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1764 in the room of Gyles Harris Esq. who has resigned, attended, and proposed Messrs. John Salter and Daniel Rea as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust, who were approved of by the Selectmen, and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 31. 1764.

Present

John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[18.] John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Four Shillings and ten pence p. Bushel for Wheat and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6

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Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
NB. a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ wheat			
¼ Rye Meal, must weigh		2 -	10
a 4d. Ditto not above ⅓ Indian		3 -	8

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket, and such Bread as is not well baked [19.] Or that shall be made of different Grain and proportions from the Assize must be seized.

Mr. Symons Constable of the Town Watch at the South End acquainted the Selectmen, that some repairs were necessary for their Engine House ——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 2d 1765

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The following was sent into the Assessors of the Town of Boston,

Gentlemen,

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed for the Real Estates they Occupy, and the Business they do here being agreeable to Law — Vizt.

The Honourable James Russell Esq.
Mr. John Soley
Ralph Inman Esq.
[20.] Mr. Anthony Thomas
Mr. Joseph Palmer
Mr. Thomas Russell

We are
Gentlemen
Your Humble Servants
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston

To
The Assessors of the Town of Boston

Boston January 2d. 1764.

The following Certificate was given one Thomas Currin — Vizt.

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We the Subscribers hereby certify that Mr. James Currin served with Mr. Thomas Walker Shipwright in this Town about five years in the business; and by enquiry we find he did then, and has since that Time during his residence here behaved in such a manner as to merit the Character of an honest sober and Industrious Men.

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN SCOLLAY
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston
Boston, January 2d. 1765

[21.] Passed upon Samuel Grant Esq. Province Account amounting to £-20-13 - lawful Money — Copy of which is on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 3d. 1765
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Sharpe of Engine No. 2. informed the Selectmen that said Engine was first brought to work at the Fire which lately broke out at a House in Black Horse Lane, and desired that the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four Pence granted by the Town may be allowed them.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same the next Draft Day.

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by a Number of the Inhabitants that great Frauds are often [22.] Committed by the Carters who bring Charcoal for Sale into this Town, by their making use of Baskets of other Dimensions than the Law prescribes — and the Selectmen having considered of the same.

Voted that Messrs. James Rainer and William Sutton be and hereby are Appointed to see said Law carried into execution, and the Town Clerk is directed to give them Orders accordingly, as also to furnish them with Extracts of the Law relative to their Conduct.

Voted, that the Town Clerk publish in the several News Papers the Law relative to Cord Wood brought into this Town by Water, together with the following Advertisement — Vizt.

Boston January 3d. 1765

The above Law is published by Order of the Selectmen that every one concerned may strictly conform thereto, and thereby avoid the Penalty, thereof.

Voted, that the Town Clerk publish the By-Law or order of the Town relative to Cord Wood and Bark brought into this Town by Land, in the several News Papers, and also an Advertisement to inforce the observance thereof.

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[23.] Voted, that the Town Clerk acquaint Messrs. Adams and Sweetser, that the Selectmen have directed them to give in a List of all those Persons Strangers which they have warned to depart this Town from the 1st. of January 1764. to the 1st. of January Instant.

Mr. Secretary Oliver handed into the Selectmen the following Vote or Order of Council — Vizt.

William Robinson a Prisoner in Boston Goal having represented to his Excellency and the Board that he has a Wife and Child subsisted at the Charge of the Province in the Almshouse, and that he is willing to leave the Province as soon as he can be liberated, and to work for his passage; but that he has not wherewithall to provide for the passage of his Wife and Child; and praying relief — Advised that in as much as the Wife and Child are at present a Province Charge that the Selectmen be desired as soon as the said William Robinson is discharged from Prison to provide for the Passage of his Wife and Child on the best terms they can, that they may together depart the Province.

The above Order being read — Voted, that provision be accordingly made for the passage of said Woman & Child so soon as the Selectmen are acquainted, that the Husband [24.] William Robinson is discharged from Prison, and that the Town Clerk acquaint Mr. Secretary of the same.

John Ruddock Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1762 — having produced Receipts from the several Treasurers in full for the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Ordered that he have a Draft on the Treasury for his quarter part of the Premium on the whole Sum Collected for that year amounting to One hundred & forty six Pounds four Shillings and Nine Pence ¾.

Orders were given in Writing to the Persons appointed to inspect the Charcoal Baskets, vizt. Mr. Rayner & Mr. Sutton which were of the form following — Vizt.

Boston, January 3d 1765

Mr. James Rainer

Sir,

We having appointed you to see the Law relative to Charcoal carried into execution do depend on your care and fidelity in the discharge of said trust — you have inclosed an Extract from the printed Law to serve for your Government in all Cases, that may happen, and doubt not of your strictly conforming to the Letter and Spirit of the same.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clerk.

[25.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 9. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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Boston, January 9[1] 1765.

Mr. Thomas Hartley

If the Cloths belonging to Mr. Peirce have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed you may put them again in the Chest and deliver to the Bearer who will call upon you for the same — If in your Opinion the Hemp and other Articles belonging to Mr. Hancock have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed you are in this case to deliver them to the Order of the Gentlemen.

By Order of the Selectmen.

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

James Tileston Housewright acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into his House one John Sharpe & Wife who came from the West Indies.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 11. 1765.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
[26.] Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Langdon Usher at the North Grammar School being still confined to his House by means of Bodily disorder the Select men this Day Agreed with Mr. Andrew Elliot Junr. to serve the school in that capacity for one Month, to be allowed the same as other Ushers are allowed.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 16. 1765.

Present.

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Scollay Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Boston Jany 16. 1765

Mr. Thomas Hartley

You having Reported to us that Mr. Williams who you took of Capt. Scotts Ship sick of the Small Pox, is now well, and has been sufficiently smoked and Cleansed; Our directions there fore are, that he may be permitted to leave the Island, first satisfying you for the Charge occasioned by his Illness &c.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

[27.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 21. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
——— ——— Esq.

Elizabeth Crawford acquaints the Selectmen that she came from Philadelphia about Nine Weeks ago in Captain Brock from Phila-

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delphia, that she was first entertained by Robert Welch living on Nobles Wharff, where she resided about a Week, then removed to Mr. Cottons House near the Old North Church, after which she offered her service to Mrs. Elizabeth Wickers, who came with her to the Selectmens Chamber

Mr. Wilson Read informs the Selectmen by Letter that he has let a Tenement of his to one James Thompson, late a Soldier in the Royals, but regularly discharged, came from Charlestown to this Town sometime part and hired a Chamber.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 22d. 1765 ——

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mrs. Ann Currier of this Town Widow came to the Selectmens [28.] Chamber and pray'd that they would make enquiry into the usage her Son had received from Mr. Ebenezer Swan of this Town Taylor, to whom he was bound an apprentice; in order that proper Representation may be made thereof unto the Court of Sessions — Mr. Swan was accordingly sent for and several Persons examined touching the subject matter of the Complaint — but the further examination referred to Tuesday next 3 o'Clock P.M.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 22d. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Mr. Swan having been heard relative to the Complaint entred against him for ill-treating his Servant William Currier, as also the Mother of said Apprentice, and several Persons acquainted with the treatment the Lad had received — It was at last agreed by the Partys, that the Indentures should be given up, which was accordingly done, when they were cancelled in presence of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 23, 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
[29.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. William Sutton Master of Engine No. 7. informs the Selectmen, that the Engine under his care was first brought to work at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. McNeals Bake-house; and desire that the Premium granted by the Town may be allowed them.

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Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasury for the same accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 28. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

Mr. Obediah Curtis Master of Engine No. 8—informed the Select men that the Engine under his Care was first brought to work at the Fire which lately broke out at the Widow Ferys Bake house—and desire that the Premium of thirteen Shillings and four pence granted by the Town may be allowed them.

Voted that a Draft be given them for the same accordingly.

[30.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings, and ten Pence p. Bushel, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
NB. a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ½ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	8 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

[31.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 25. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Robert Love being recommended as a suitable Person to have the Charge of warning such as come from other Towns, to depart Boston in the Time prescribed by Law — was this Day appointed by the Selectmen to that Business, and sworn to the faithful discharge of his trust — The Town Clerk was directed to give him Orders which were of the form following — Vizt.

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Boston, January 25[1] 1765

Mr. Robert Love

Sir

The Selectmen hereby appoint and impower you to make enquiry after all Strangers, and other Persons who shall hereafter come into the Town and reside here that are not Inhabitants, and all such of them as you shall apprehend are in low Circumstances you are immediately to warn to depart this Town in (14) fourteen Days, or give security to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, and this you are to do without any further direction, and when you have done the same you must Report it to the Selectmen that they may give such other Orders respecting [32.] Such Persons as they shall Judge proper

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Note. You must apply to the Town Clerk, for Warrants (returnable to the Clerk of Sessions) as you may occasion.

There having been great Complaints that heaps of Dirt and Rubbish, as also Carrion and Things offensive, have been brought and thrown into the Streets to the annoyance of the Inhabitants — Mr. Robert Love is appointed to inspect the Streets, and the following Orders given him — vizt.

Boston, January — 1765

Mr. Robert Love

The Selectmen having appointed you to take notice of such Persons as shall carry Dirt Dung Carrion or any Rubbish into the Streets or Lanes of this Town to the annoyance of the Inhabitants; they expect & require that you discharge this trust with diligence and fidelity in order to prevent or remove such Nusances — You are to take the Law for your directory, and must not fail prosecuting for every breach thereof.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 30[1] 1765.

Present

[33.] Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Nathaniel Wales informs the Selectmen that he has taken into a House of his at the South part of Boston, as a Tenant, Mr. William Winter and family, from Cambridge.

Mr. John Sweetser having been appointed to take Notice of such Persons as shall carry Dirt or any Rubbish into the Streets or Lanes of this Town to the annoyance of the Inhabitants, in order for their being prosecuted for such offence — The Town Clerk is directed to give him Orders of the same tenor with those given Mr. Robert Love the other person appointed for said service.

Mr. Abijah Adams having been found guilty of great neglect in

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the Warning Strangers to depart this Town, by which means considerable damage has been sustained — Voted, that he be dismissed from that Office and that Mr. Cornelius Thayer be appointed in his room, and that the Town Clerk give him Orders of the same tenor with those given Messrs. Sweetser and Love respecting Strangers, Street Dirt &c.

[34.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Complaint having been made that the Chimnies of a House in Frog Lane occupied by one Williamson a Painter, are insufficient and dangerous — Messrs. Richard Hunnewell and Thomas Ethridge were impowered by Warrant to survey the same and make Report as soon as may be.

Messrs. Henshaw and Ruddock a Committee appointed to go to Watertown in order to meet the Selectmen of said Town and discourse them relative to one Sarah Leonard. who they pretend is an Inhabitant of this Town Report — That after taking several Affidavits in the presence of one of the Selectmen — Mr. Justice Hunt, and Mr. John Remington — Mr. Henshaw demanded of said Selectmen that if they look'd upon the said Sarah Learned to be an Inhabitant of Boston, they would send her immediately to Town in order to bring this matter to a tryal as he could by no means allow her to be an Inhabitant of this Town.

[35.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby 13l. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Passed upon Mary Yorks Province Account amounting to Nine Pounds five Shillings and two Pence, a Copy of which is on file.

The Committee appointed to survey Mr. Williamson's Chimnies Reported said Chimnies to be dangerous to the Neighbourhood — Copys of said Warrant for a survey and the Return made thereon are as follows — vizt.

To Messrs. Richard Hunnewell & Thomas Ethridge

Complaint being made to us that the Chimnies of a House in Frog Lane occupied by Mr. Williamson are insufficient and dangerous — We do desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
Selectmen of Boston.

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Boston February 6. 1765

[36.] We the Subscribers have viewed the above mentioned Chimnies, and upon examination find them so bad as that the using will be dangerous to the Neighbourhood for want of Repair.

RICHARD HUNNEWELL
THOMAS ETHRIDGE

In consequence of the above Return the following Order was sent Mr. Williamson — vizt

Boston February 13. 1765.

Mr. Williamson

Upon Complaint being made by a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House occupied by you, we issued our Warrant for a survey, a Copy of the Return of said Warrt. you have above — Agreable to the direction of the Law in that Case made and provided; we hereby warn you not to make any Fire in said Chimnies till the defects are cured, either by mending, repairing, or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Messrs. Jackson and Sewall appointed a Committee to treat with Mr. Josiah Langdon respecting the place of Usher to the North Grammar School, during the Confinement of the present Usher.

[37.] The Town Clerk is directed to get the Law relative to Street Robberys republished in the several News Papers the Town having been with some instances of this sort.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen & Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Tuesday the 12t Day of February A.D. 1765.

Present
The Honble Samuel Wells Esq.
John Hill Esq.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
William Story Esq.
John Tudor Esq.
Justices of the Peace
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Selectmen of Boston
John Barrett Esq.
Mr. Joseph Gardner
Meletiah Bourn Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Mason
[38.] Mr. Ebenezer Storer
Mr. Henry Bromfield
Capt. Benjamin Hammett
Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed

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upon to be attended on Fryday the 15th. Day of February Instant at 9. O'Clock in the Morning if suitable Weather if not then on the Tuesday following, being the 19t Instant, and it is also Agreed to meet at the Selectmens Chamber at 5. O'Clock in the Evening of said Day to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Vizt.

Ward Number One
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Benjamin Hammett
Mr. Nathaniel Holmes
Mr. Benjamin Harrod
Mr. Alexander Hill
John Tudor Esq.
Deacon Jonathan Brown
John Wells — Constable
Ward Number Two
John Ruddock Esq.
Mr. William Whitwell
[39.] Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood
Mr John Grant
Mr. Joseph Belknap
Mr. Fortesque Vernon
Mr. Thomas Bradford — Constable
Ward Number Three
Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Joseph Gardner Esq.
Mr. James Halsey
Mr. Joseph Bradford
Majr. Newman Grenough
Mr. Nathaniel Loring
Dr. Jonathan Mountforts
Mr. James Thomas — Constable
Ward Number Four
Richard Dana Esq.
John Barrett Esq.
Samuel Grant Esq.
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
Mr. John Kinney, Constable
Ward Number Five
Mr. Benjamin Dolbear
Thomas Tyler Esq.
[40.] Mr. Henry Newman
Mr. Alexander Chamberlain
Capt. William Holmes
Mr. John Kneeland
Mr. Samuel Proctor, Constable
Ward Number Six
Belcher Noyes Esq.
Isaac Smith Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

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Mr. John Smith
Mr. Joseph How
Capt. Joseph Andrews
Mr. Augustus Hail, Constable
Ward Number Seven
Mr. Ebenezer Storer
Mr. Joseph Waldo
Mr. William Fairfield
Mr. Timothy Newell
Mr. Timothy Fitch
Mr. Edward Walker
Mr. Thomas Moore, Constable
Ward Number Eight
The Honble. Royal Tyler Esq.
Collo. Joseph Jackson
[41.] Joshua Winslow Esq.
Capt. Samuel Downe
Majr. Jonathan Payson
Mr. Thomas Leaveret
William Story Esq.
Nathaniel Thayer, Constable
Ward Number Nine
Melatiah Bourn Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
Thomas Daws Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
Isaac Ridgaway — Constable
Ward Number Ten
Mr. Jonathan Mason
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. John Mico Wendell
Mr. Samuel Austin
Capt. Jonathan Clark
Mr. William Torrey
Mr. Daniel Waldo
Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Francis Tolman, Constable
[42.] Ward Number Eleaven
Edmund Quincy Esq.
Mr. Henry Bromfield
John Hill Esq.
Mr. Samuel Adams
Jeremiah Green Esq.
Mr. Nathaniel Gardner
John Rowe Esq.
Edward Barbour, Constable
Ward Number Twelve
Samuel Wells Esq.
Mr. Henderson Inches
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Avery Esq.
Mr. Benjamin Church

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Mr. Sampson Salter
Mr. Stephen Symmes, Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copys of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 20. 1765 ——
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[43.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

There having been a General Walk or Visitation of the Town this Day being the 15t Inst. the Gentlemen that attended met and Reported the following Strangers they found in the Town — Vizt.

One John Kinney, from Newfound Land, lives in Mr. Tillocks House opposite to Mr. Bouchers —

Edward Fitz Patrick, from Ditto, lives at the said Mr. Tillocks House.

One Luke from Newfound Land, lives at the said Mr. Tillocks House.

Edmund Whayland, from Newfound Land, lives in Mr. James Longleys House at Black Horse Lane.

Jacob Hall from Rhode Island has been in Town at Times near two Years tho' not twelve Months together, he is a Journey Man Taylor, at Mr. Smiths House near ye Watch House.

Edmund Connor, living at the same place — a Sailor.

One Quiner from the Country lives at the House of one Fethergill at New-Boston.

Leabear and other French People, living in Carnes House let to Green a Shoemaker, at New Boston.

[44.] One Hutchinson who came from Albany, lodges at John Mulloys, living in Royal Exchange Lane.

John Mulloy a Stranger has been in Town near twelve Months, lives in a House in Royal Exchange Inn.

Margaret Butt from Dorchester, a Widow, living in a House in Fitches Lane.

Sarah Bowdoin and her Daughter, named Molly, came from Marblehead, and live in Mary Tuckers House nex Door to Capt. Tyngs House.

Anna Gaut, from Rutland, lives in a House in Auchmutys Lane.

James Thompson and Wife came from Charlestown and live in a House in Auchmutys Lane.

Sarah Thomson an Indian, lives in the same Street.

The Names of the aforementioned Persons were given to Messrs. Sweetser Love & Thayer, that they might warn them out of Town, according to Law.

Mr. Jenkins Master of Engine No. 3. attended, and proposed John Robinson Junr. for an Engine Man in the room of his Father John Robinson who is far advanced in years.

[45.] Voted, that the said John Robinson Junr. be admitted an Engine Man accordingly.

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Thomas Webber apply'd to the Selectmen for their approbation of him as a public Cryer in this Town, and he was accordingly approbated.

John Reynolds, his Wife Dorothy, and five Sons namely Samuel, Benjamin, John, Edward and William, Reynold, who came from Providence in the Collony of Rhode Island are admitted Inhabitants of this Town—Joseph Weld and Edmund Weld of Roxbury having giving Bond the twenty sixth Day of November last to the Town Treasurer in the Penalty of two Hundred Pounds to Indemnify the Town.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk wait on the Assessors for their Lists of the Inhabitants taken the Current year in order to put into the Jury Box, such Names as shall be thought proper to serve as Jurymen at the Inferior and Superior Courts.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby 27. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
[46.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges, Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
NB. A 4d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	3 -	8 -	

According to Law, Allowance should be made for the Drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked [47.] Or that shall be made of different Grain & Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 25–1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.

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Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

Mr. John Brown complains of a Chimnie in the House occupied by the Widow Davis in Prince Street, that it is in such a damaged Condition as the making Fire in it endangers the House and Neighbourhood —whereupon Messrs. Daniel Bell and William Bell, were desired and impower'd to survey the same, and make Report as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 4th 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

The Committee appointed the 25l Day of February last to survey Mrs. Davis's Chimnies — Reported — Copys of said Warrant for a survey, and the Return made thereon are [48.] As follows — Vizt.

To Messrs. Daniel Bell and William Bell Complaint being made to us that the Chimnies of a House occupied by the Widow Davis, and situated in Prince Street are insufficient and dangerous — We do desire and impower you to survey the same, and Report to us your Judgment concerning them —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston
Boston February 27. 1765

Gentlemen

We the Subscribers according to your desire have surveyed the Chimnies above mentioned and find them very dangerous, and not safe to make a fire in nor for People to pass in the Street ——

DANIEL BELL
WILLIAM BELL
Boston February 27. 1765

In consequence of the above Return, the following Order was sent Mrs. Davis's — Vizt.

Boston, March 4. 1765

Mrs. ——— Davis

Upon Complaint made to us of defects in the Chimnies of the House occupied by you, we issued our Warrant for a survey, a Copy of the Return on said [49.] Warrant you have above — Agreable to the direction of the Law in that Case made and provided, we hereby warn you not to make any Fires in said Chimnies; 'till the defects are cured, either by mending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Eleventh Day of March Instant at Nine OClock in the Forenoon, then and there to Nominate & Choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing [50.] As Selectmen Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Wardens, Fire Wards, Constables and other Officers as the Law directs To Grant such Sums of Money as shall be Judged needful for the relief of the Poor, and defreying other necessary Charges; To receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs; To act upon the List of Jurors; To appoint a Committee to visit the Schools; To Choose Auditors of the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor; To determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes; and what Time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements of Taxes; To receive and Examine the Accounts of the Granary; To consider the Petition of a number of Proprietors and Inhabitants in and near Long Lane, that a farther Allowance may be made towards defraying the Charge of paving said Lane; To Choose a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Managers of Faneuil Hall Lotteries; To consider the Terms upon which John Hill Esq. will give up to the Town his Lease of the Land upon Boston Neck; What Methods shall be taken for the repairing the Towns Warehouse opposite the Golden Ball; Whether they will take any Measures for the better regulation of the Grist mills; That the sense of the Town may be taken respecting a Bill now pending in the General Court relative to Erecting Wooden Buildings &c. in the Town of Boston [51.] To consider the proposals of Mr. James Bryant relating to the Towns Land on the North side of the Neck; Of the Petition of a Number of Inhabitants for widening Jolliffs Lane; To choose Jurors for April Court; And also act upon all such Matters and Things as stand referred over to said Meeting —

Voted, that the Revd mr. Samuel Checkley Junr. be desired to open the Town Meeting on Monday next, with Prayer, and that Mr. Austin and Mr. Sewall be a Committee to acquaint him therewith.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 6. 1765.
Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddck Esq.

The Selectmen this Day agreed with Messrs. John Sweetser, Robert Love, and Cornelius Thayer, the three Persons appointed to warn Strangers to depart this Town that there shall be paid to them the Sum of Fifty three Pounds six shillings [52.] and eight Pence lawful Money, for a Years service which is to commence from the date hereof; said Sum is to be shared and divided in proportion to the Number of Persons each have warned, for which Caution shall have been entered by them, and a Copy of their Return to the Clerk of the Sessions given in to the Select men every Month — their pay to be drawn for quarterly if desired.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 13. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and ten Pence ℘ Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence ℘ Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13	
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6
[53.] Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	8
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
NB. A 4^d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat			
¼ Rye Meal, must weigh	2 -	10 -	
a 4^d Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	8 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket, and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 15. 1765
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.

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Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

[54.] Upon Information given by Benjamin Hallowell Esq. that Mr. Hickling and others were about making incroachments on Battery March Street — the Selectmen went upon the Premises, and directed the running of the Bounds.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 18. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Select men of this Day passed upon a number of Province Accounts, and gave Certificates accordingly, Copys of the same are on file — The Persons Names & the amounts are as follows — Vizt —

Richard Tripe — his Account amounted to	£2 -	5 -	4	
Samuel Harris - - - - - - ditto - - - - - -		15 -	10½	
Hopestill Foster - - - - - ditto - - - - - -	8 -	3 -	10	
Henshaw & Austin - - - - ditto - - - - - -	16 -	8 -		
James Day - - - - - - - - ditto - - - - - -	3 -	0 -	0	
Alexander Young - - - - ditto - - - - - -	3 -	13 -		
Josiah Collins - - - - - - ditto - - - - - -	6 -	14 -	4¼	
Thomas Hartley - - - - - ditto - - - - - -	1 -	1 -	3⅓	
Robert Gorden - - - - - - ditto - - - - - -	5 -	10 -		
[55.] Dr. Myles Whitworth, his Accot. amot. to	23 -	1 -	4	
Benjamin Sumner - - - - - ditto - - - - -	47 -	12 -	5½	
James Cunningham - - - - ditto - - - - -	7 -	12 -	6½	
Thomas Moore - - - - - - - ditto - - - - -	44 -	2 -	7¾	
John Allen - - - - - - - - - ditto - - - - -		19 -	4	

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 20. 1765
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms house was directed by Collo Henshaw and Collo. Jackson, two of the Selectmen to receive into said House on the Province Charge one Richard Leader, a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, being sick and not having wherewithall to subsist himself.

The Selectmen this Day exchanged Leases with Collo. Hill for the Land Leased to him on South side of Boston Neck.

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Mr. Obedia Curtis Master of Engine No. 8. [56.] Attended, and proposed, James Sumner, William Moore Junr. and John M^cfaden as suitable Persons to fill up vacancies in his Engine Company — whereupon —

Voted, that the said Sumner, Moore & McFaden be and hereby are admitted Engine Men accordingly.

Mr. John Caldwell applyed to the Select men for Liberty to break Ground in Middle Street near his Dwelling House, in order to carry a Drain into the Common Shore — Liberty was accordingly granted upon Condition, that the Ground be made good again & the Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Select men.

Passed, upon Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms house; Province Accounts amounting to £338–13–8¾ and £25–12–6— Copys of which are on file.

Voted, that a Book be procured by the Town Clerk in which the Monthly returns of the several Persons appointed to warn Strangers out of this Town for whom Caution shall have been entered with the Clerk of Sessions, is to be entered in Alphebetical Order.

Mr. Williston as directed, took two sealing Hammers from Mr. Cromby a late Sealer of Leather, and delivered them to Mr. Andrews, chosen into office at [57.] March Meeting — as also two others, from Mr. Cornelius Thayer, which he delivered to William Scott. Mr. Ruddock was also appointed to procure Six more Hammers, two whereof is to be delivered to each of the other Sealers of Leather.

Messrs. Henshaw and Hancock are appointed a Committee to get a Pound Erected in some convenient upon the Towns Land, to serve for the reception of Hogs and Sheep taken up at large —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 22^d. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Voted, that Mr. Thomas Williston be ordered not to open Faneuil Hall for the use of any Persons whatsoever without the leave of a major part of the Select men first obtained.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 25. 1765

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
[58.] Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.

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John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Sewall is appointed to procure what Rails may be necessary for the security of the Towns Land on Boston Neck.

The Estate of Samuel Hews deceased is indebted to the Town for three shillings and ten pence lawful Money which was charged on his Books as paid John Allyne when he had received nothing.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 27. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and ten pence ℘ Bushel for Wheat and Six Pence p. Bushel, is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed [**59.**] As follows — Vizt.

	lb.	oz	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
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Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
NB. A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	8	

According to Law allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain & Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

Passed upon John Wendells Province Account amounting to Three pounds six Shillings & eight pence, as p. Copy on file.

Boston ss.

Whereas the Selectmen did lately permit [**60.**] Mr. William Jackson to repair the Pump standing on the Towns Land in Corn hill; and he having now given in the Accounts of the charge there of, whereby it appears that there is due to him for defreying said Charge the Sum of Five Pounds ten Shillings — Wherefore the said Selectmen pursuant to an order of the Town bearing date May 12t 1702 Have assessed the several Persons hereafter named, who are commonly known to make use of the said Pump, for their

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supply of Water for their ordinary occasions and do Assess them as followeth — Viz^{t}.

Benjamin Kent Esq	£.	8 —
William Story Esq		8 —
Messrs. Ambrose Downe		6 —
John Piemont		8 —
William Jackson		8 —
John & Thomas Stevinson		6 —
Daniel Marsh		3 —
Nathaniel Appleton		3 —
Richard Salter		6 —
Zachary Brigden		6 —
M^{rs}. Amy & Elizabeth Cummins		6
John Gilbert		6
M^{rs}. ——— Fling		6
Green and Walker		6
William White		6
[61.] William Baker		6
William Baker for Town House		12
	£.	5 - 10

And M^{r}. Robert Love is hereby directed and impowered to Collect and receive of the Persons above named respective Sums as set down in the List against each Persons Names; and if any of the said Persons shall neglect or refuse to pay their respective Assessments to proceed to prosecute as the said Town Order, and the Law in that Case directs —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 3^{d}. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Sewall appointed to examine the Records, relative to the Mill Land Stream &c. and also to what respects the Town Benefactors, agreable to a Vote of the Town at a late Meeting.

[62.] Boston, ss.

Whereas a Drain or Common Shore has been laid through Cow Lane, from the House of the late Benjamin Woolcuts Heirs in said Lane untill it enters the Common Shore in Summer Street; by Jacob Knodle the whole Expence where of according to an account examined by us the Sub-amounts to Eleven Pounds seventeen Shillings; And as said Expence is to be paid by the Parties concerned in the undertaking where Drains enter said Common Shore, and in such proportion as shall be adjudged by the Select men of Boston or a Major part of them who are impower'd by Law to Apportion the same.

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Therefore we the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Boston do hereby Certify that having considered of said Expence, and by whom and in what manner it ought to be paid; do adjudge the same to be paid in the proportion following, and by the Persons hereafter named — Viz^{t}.

The above named Jacob Knoble one half thereof being	£5 - 18 - 6
The Heirs of the late Benjamin Wolcut who are in possession of an House, Adjoining to said Knodles, the other half being - - - - -	5 - 18 - 6
	£11 - 17 -

[**63.**] And we do appoint M^{r}. Jacob Knoble to receive of Thomas Marshall Esq. and the other Heirs of Benjamin Wolcut deceased the above Sum of Five Pounds eighteen Shillings and six Pence and to give a discharge therefor —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN HANCOCK
Select men of Boston

NB. Jacob Knodle has paid the Expence of his private Drain untill it reaches Wolcuts House, amounting to Five Pounds sixteen Shillings and three Pence.

Boston, April 3^{d}. 1765

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 10. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt Joseph Jackson [**64.**] And Samuel Sewall Esq. to receive into said House on the Province Charge an Robert Lesley a Stranger, who is blind, and has not wherewithall to subsist himself.

Messrs. Henshaw and Sewall a Committee to call upon the Executors of the Will of the late M^{rs}. Joanna Brooker, and enquire whether they are ready to pay into the Hands of the Selectmen the Monys left by the said Testratrix, to be improved by the Selectmen of Boston for the Time being as they shall Judge best the income thereof to be by them apply'd for the relief of Widows &^{c}. and they are desired to Report as soon as may be.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of fifteen hundred of the Bill now pending in the General Court relative to Wooden Buildings &c; and that the Constables of the Town take One hundred each, and dispose the same among the Inhabitants of their several Wards.

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The following Advertisement was sent Messrs. Drapers for a place in their next Paper.

Any Person or Persons who may incline to purchase of the Town of Boston Two Ware houses opposite the Golden Ball or either of them; are requested to send in their Proposals to the Select men as soon as may be before the meeting of the Town in May next.

[65.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 17. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq
Joseph Jackson Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
John Hancock Esq

M^{r}. Adams Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market attended by order of the Selectmen, when he was directed by them to come on every Wednesday to their Chamber, with an Account of the Moneys he has Collected of trancient Market People that Week and also to give in a representation of the state of said Market.

M^{r}. Austin Appointed by the Selectmen, to order such quantitys of Gravel to be laid on Cambridge Street, as he shall Judge necessary to make the Street passable.

M^{r}. Austin appointed to order necessary Repairs to the Draw Bridge.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23^{d} 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

[66.] M^{r}. John Joy apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to break Ground in order to let a Drain into the Common Shore from a House of his in Water Street. Liberty was accordingly granted he taking care to make good the Ground and restore the Pavement to the approbation of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 24^{1} 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Josepeh Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Ziphion Thayer apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to break Ground in order to erect a Post in the Street against his House in Cornhill — Liberty was granted him upon Condition that he made good the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

M^{r}. Henshaw appointed on the 17. Instant to order the necessary Repairs to Essex Street, and the Street near M^{r}. Byles's House.

The Selectmen this Day Endorsed a Warrant on the Province Treasurer given by the Council in favor of the Town of Boston,

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for £. 338-13-8¾. and deliver [67.] the same to the Town Treasurer in order to procure payment.

Leave given to William Burbank Gunner of Castle William to take two Carriage Wheels belonging to the Town, for the use of the Castle, he to return them when called for, and to give Capt. Paddock a Receit for the same.

The following is Copy of a Letter which was received from Stephen Greanleaff Esq. Sheriff of this County. Vizt.

Boston April 24l. 1765.

Gentlemen,

The Court of General Sessions of the Peace for this County having directed a new Gallows to be Erected, and the place where the Old one stands being extremely inconveinent on many Accounts — I have fixed on a rising spot of Ground on the left side of the Road going over the Neck a little beyond the Small Clay Pond and near a Gate which leads into the Land formerly Leased to Collo. Hill; the Gallows to be placed about forty or fifty feet within the Fence; I am informed that the Land on the opposite side is already leased, also the Land adjoining to the Wind Mill, and as the Beach on either side is very unfit for that purpose I can't think of a more suitable place than the spot before mentioned, but as the Court desired me to inform the Selectmen of the Town of their directions before the Gallows should be put up, I accordingly now give you this notice, that if you [68.] Have any Objection to that spot and can point out a better, you'l please to let me know it as soon as possible — A Criminal now waiting for the Execution of his Sentence, and the Sessions being Adjourned to Tuesday next to determine on this affair.

Your humble Servant

STEPHEN GREENLEAFF

The Gentlemen Selectmen
of Boston

The following is Copy of the reply made by the Selectmen to the above Letter.

Boston, April 24l. 1765

Sir

Your Letter of this Day has been handed to us by the Town Clerk — Respecting the placing of the Gallows the situation you have pitch'd upon does not appear to us to be altogether so convenient, and as it is proposed to us to be upon the Towns Land, it is a matter to be determined by the Selectmen, which we shall attend as soon as application is made, and as this is our selling Day any thing you may have to offer on this subject shall be readily received by,

Sir,

Your humble servants

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN HANCOCK
Selectmen of Boston

To

Mr. Sheriff Greenleaff —

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[69.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 27. 1765
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Information being given the Selectmen that Coll°. Ingersol who keeps the Bunch of Grapes Tavern has a Billiard Table in his House — said Ingersol was sent for, who owned that there was one set up in a Chamber by two or three Gentlemen who had hired the Room; that he was ignorant it was contrary to Law; but would now see the Table removed immediately — The Selectmen thus acquainted him that unless he comply'd with this engagement, they would not approbate him as a Taverner for the present Year.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, April 29. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

The Selectmen having received advice that the Small Pox prevails in Maryland & Barbadoes, and also a malignant Fever, at the latter place.

[70.] Voted, that application be immediately made to his Excellency Francis Bernard Esq. our Governor for an Order to the Commanding Officer at Castle William to stop all Vessells coming from those places, and prevent their approaching this Town untill further Orders.

In consequence of the above, the following Letter was wrote his Excellency Governor Bernard.

May it please your Excellency

Information having been given us, that the Small Pox prevails at Barbadoes and Mary Land, as also a Malignant Fever at the former place We think it our duty to acquaint your Excellency therewith and to request that you will be pleased to Order the Commanding Officers at Castle William to stop all Vessells coming from those places untill proper enquiry be made into the Circumstances of such Vessells — We are —

Your Excell^y Most Obed^t. Hum. Serv^ts.
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN HANCOCK
Selectmen of Boston
Boston April 29. 1765.

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

[71.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and six Pence p. Bushel for

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Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	4
Houshold	1 -	2 -	9
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	9
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	13
Houshold	2 -	5 -	1
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	7
Houshold	6 -	15 -	4
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	13
Houshold	13 -	14 -	7
Four Peny Brick Loaf	2 -	2 -	1
Bisket of a Copper Price		6 -	2
NB. A 4^{d} Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	13 -	
a 4^{d} Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian	3 -	12 -	

According to Law, Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket; and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

[72.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 1. 1765.
Present
Joshua Jackson Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
& others —

M^{r}. Elisha Byles informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Servant, one Elizabeth Melvin a Widow, came last from Dorchester.

M^{r}. Gibbons Sharp Master of Engine N°. 2 informed the Selectmen that said Engine was first brought to work upon the Fire which lately broke out at the House of the Widow True Just below the New North Church, and desired that the Premium of thirteen Shillings & four Pence granted by the Town may be allowed them — whereupon —

Voted, that a draft be made on the Town Treasurer for said Premium the next Draft Day.

Upon application from the Bakers the Selectmen took into Consideration the present Assize of Bread, and it appearing to them to be higher than the present price of Flower would admit of.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Four Shillings and eight pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood [73.] Which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		9 -	
Wheaten		13 -	8
Houshold	1 -	2 -	

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Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	
Houshold	2 -	4 -	
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf - - - - - -	5 -	1 -	
Houshold - - - - - - -	6 -	12 -	
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf - - -	10 -	2 -	
Houshold - - - - - -	13 -	8 -	
Four Peny Brick Loaf - - - - - -	2 -	1 -	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - -	6 -		
NB. A 4d Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat			
¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	11 -	8
a 4d Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	10 -	

According to Law, Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

Benjamin Randall Master of the Sloop Eagle from Maryland, which Vessell is stopt at Castle William as a precaution against the Small Pox rife at said place, attended, and being examined by the Selectmen, declared [74.] That he left Maryland fourteen Days ago, with a loading of Grain, that he has not any Goods on board liable to Infection nor has he had one of his people sick or complaining since he left that place — whereupon ——

Voted, that said Vessell be permitted to come up to Boston, and that a Certificate be given the Captain for the Governor of the usual tenor.

Passed upon the late Thomas Hartleys deceased; Province Accounts amounting to Four Pounds eight Shillings and eleven pence, Copy of which is on file.

Ephraim Perry acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his House as a Servant, one Jane Kneen born in the Isle of Man, hath been in the Country One Year and a half

Mr. Adams the Clerk of the Market was directed by the Select men to require of the several Butchers who held Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, to make good to the Tanners the quantity of Hydes they have obliged themselves to deliver them; and if they decline complying with their Agreement herein as specified in their several Leases — Mr. Adams is to exclude such Person or Persons from their Stands in said Market.

Passed upon Dr. James Lloyds Province Account amounting to £4 - 6 - 6 - lawful Money as p. Copy on file.

[75.] At a Meeting of the Seleotmen, May 4. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Application was made to the Selectmen by the Honble. the Artillery Company for the use of Faneuil Hall next Monday Evening — and Liberty was accordingly granted them.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 6 - 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Thwing Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Harskins apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain from his House in Rainsfords Lane till it enters the Common Shore—Liberty was accordingly granted, upon Condition that he speedly make good the Ground, and restore the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

[76.] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 6. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings p. Annum of Freehold in Land within the Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the order of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Wednesday the fourteenth (14) Day of May Currant at Nine O'Clock in the Forenoon then and there to Elect & Depute One or more Persons, (being Freeholders and resident in the Town) according to the Number Set and limitted by an Act of the General Assembly to serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majestys Service at the Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty ninth Day of said May — and so De Die in Diem during their Session [77.] And Sessions according to a Precept under the Hand & Seal of Stephen Greenleaff Esq. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing Date the 24[1] Day of April in the Fifth year of His Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1765 —

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same Time and Place to Choose One Selectman in the room of Coll$_{o}$. Thwing, and one Assessor in the place of Capt. Samuel Downe, who decline serving; also a Collector or Collectors in the Room of Mr. John Grant, who refuses, and of such others as may refuse to serve at or before the Town Meeting; To Consider some Method to get this Town exempted from the Province Law relative to the choice of Surveyors of High Ways; What Measures may be proper for the preservation of Beacon Hill; and to prevent the loss

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of Deer Island by the Incroachments of the Sea; Whether the Town Warehouse opposite the Golden Ball shall be repaired or sold for the most it will fetch: What farther steps shall be taken to obtain relief from the General Court respecting the great Charge incurred by the Small Pox; To take the sense of the Town respecting the repairs of the Dams on the East and West side of the Neck; which have been much damaged in the late storm; To receive the Reports of Towns Committees on several Affairs; to chose such Officers as may be wanting; [78.] And to act upon all such Matters and Things as stand referred over to said Meeting.

NB. The Poll for the choice of Representatives will be closed at Twelve O'Clock, and strict Scrutiny made as to the Qualification of Voters.

Voted, that the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Sewall be desired to open the Town Meeting on Wednesday next, with Prayer, and that Coll^{o}. Jackson and M^{r}. Sewall be desired to waitt upon him and acquaint him thereof.

Voted, that Messrs. Thomas and John Fleet, have the Printing the Notifications, for the ensueing Town Meeting.

Capt. Procter desires the refusal of one of the Town Shops under Pemberton's Hill, when any one them shall become vacant.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 11. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Davis who has had the privilege of bringing [79.] His Cart into the Market Square, having refused to pay the small acknowledgement, required of him therefor; He was desired to attend the Selectmen, and upon discoursing him thereon, he agreed to pay the whole of what he was deficient and also what may arise in future.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 13. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Capt. Mordecai Cockey Master of the Sloop Sommerset from Baltimore County in Maryland, whose Vessels is stopt at the Castle on account of the Small Pox attended, & Declares His Cargo consists of Wheat, Corn, Flour and Lumber, He has been a Month from Baltimore and about three Weeks from Kent Island and any part of Maryland — all his Hands have had the Small Pox

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except the Mate, and the whole Crew are well — He also declares that he has not been any where near the Small Pox, nor as he apprehends have any of them been in any manner exposed to said Distemper.

[80.] Whereupon Voted, that we apprehend there can be no danger of Infection from this Vessels, coming up to Town and that a Letter be wrote his Excellency accordingly.

Capt. Nathaniel Thompson, Master of Sloop Delphine from Maryland, attended and Reports That his Cargo Consists of Corn Flour Rye Staves &c. he has been fourteen Days from Cheptank no one of his Hands have had the Small Pox, neither have they been in the way of it, nor has he anything on board liable to retain infection — He also declares that he passed the Castle from a misunderstanding of the Persons who hailed him.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 13. 1765. P.M.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Nathaniel Thwing Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Capt. James Stewart of Sloop Good intent from Maryland — Reports That he left Annappolis in that Province eighteen Days past; his Lading consists of Corn Flour, Pease and other Grain, with some Lumber; has a Gentlemen [81.] On board; named Rutland, who comes here for his health — His People are all well on board, neither have they anything with them liable to Infection — whereupon ——

Voted, that said Vessel now stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox, be permitted to come up to Town, and a Certificate given the Captain accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 15. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddook Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
The Honble. Thom^s^. Flucker Esq.

Mr. Austin and Mr. Hancock appointed a Committee and are desired to view a peice of Ground in Tremount Street and pave the same if they Judge convenient; and also to order such repairs to Mr. Holyokes Well, as may be found necessary.

Capt. Samuel Skinner of Sloop Nancy from Cheptonk Maryland — Reports — That he left said place seventeen Days past; his Cargo consists of Corn, Wheat, Flour & Staves, [82.] His Owner is Passenger, but neither he nor any of his Hands, have been ex-

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posed to the Distemper, they are all well and have not anything with them liable to convey Infection — whereupon —

Voted, that said Vessel, now stopt at Castle William be permitted to come up to Town, as no danger of Infection is apprehended, and that a Certificate be given accordingly.

William Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7. attended, and proposed John Neat to the Selectmen as a suitable Person for an Engine man in his Company, in the room of Thomas Bolter, who has removed from this Town, and he was approved accordingly.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen to receive into said House on the Province Charge one William Dicks who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither has he wherewithall to subsist himself, and by occasion of a sore in his Leg is in a suffering Condition.

Jonathan Jenkins Master of Engine N°. 3 — attended and informed the Selectmen that said Engine was brought to work first, at the Fire which lately broke out in Capt. Autherlenys Briggandine at Hancocks Wharff, and desired the Premium granted by the Town may be allowed them.

[83.] Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 16. 1765

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Coll°. Jarvis applied to the Selectmen, for the liberty of Faneuil Hall to exercise his Company of Cadets, on Mornings and Evenings for some time to come.

Voted, that Coll°. Jarvis have the liberty above desired.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 17. 1765 ——

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Capt. Israel Stone of the Sloop Sally from Maryland stopt at Castle William on account of Infectious Distempers [84.] Was examined by the Selectmen, and it appearing to them that he came from Cheptonk, and had no Body sick on board, and that the health of the Inhabitants would not be endangered by said Vessels coming up to Town.

Voted, that liberty be granted accordingly and that a Letter be wrote the Governor in the usual form.

Application being made to the Selectmen by a Committee of Council for the use of Faneuil Hall on the Day of General Election-

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Voted, that they have the liberty to make use of said Hall for the purpose intended.

Deacon Grant informed the Selectmen that Capt. Moulton Just arrived from the Granadas, has brought in with him an Infectious Fever, of which several of his People have died on their passage, and others now sick — whereupon the Owner of the Vessel as well as the Master were ordered to attend at the Selectmens Chamber.

Capt. Moulton of Briggandine Rebecca together with his Owner Mr. Thomas Boylston, attended according to order — when the former declared — that he left Hispaniola the fourteenth day of April last with nine People as Seamen, three of whom were lost on his passage by sickness, vizt. Robert Mc.farland, the Mate & two Foremost men — the [85.] Mate and one Man died about twelve Days past of a Flux — the other of a Fever four Days after he left the Port — that he flung all his Bedding immediately over board, and washed and smoked the Vessell — three of his hands are come on shore and gone to their homes sick — The Captain was asked whether he was hailed at the Castle and answer'd, yess, as also whether he was asked if all were well on board — he answered in the affermative, and so was permitted to pass the Castle and come up to Town — The People who have left the Vessell are Benjt. Silsby living near Charlestown Ferry, Charles Milliken living at the Ferry place — & John Osborne living at a Tavern near Clarks Wharff.

Voted, that said Vessel be ordered down to Rainsfords Island immediately, and that Capt. Moulton take with him all the People that came with him, and that the following Letter be sent Mr. Samuel Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital — Viz^t

Boston, May 17. 1765

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Capt. William Moulton of the Briggd. Rebecca Just arrived from Hyspaniola, having buried several of his People on the passage who died of a Distemper brought from that place supposed to be Infectious — He [86.] is ordered down with his Vessel again, to Anchor as near Rainsfords Island as possible — Our Orders are that you receive on Shore those that are sick, and suffer no one of them to leave the Hospital or any others the Vessel without express directions from us — you must see that the Captain smoakes and cleanses his Vessel, and every thing liable to retain infection, and report to us from time to time your proceedings.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 18. 1765

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Capt. Samuel Hooper Master of the Briggandine Phenix owned

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by Jeremiah Lee Esq. of Marblehead where she arrived from Turks Island, being sent to Rainsfords Island by Order of three of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Essex, the Small Pox having been among the Company, and five of the People recovered, or on the recovery from [87.] Distemper — the following Directions were given the Keeper of the Hospital — Viz^{t} —

Boston May 18. 1765

M^{r}. Thomas Hartley

The Briggandine Phenix owned by Jeremiah Lee Esq. of Marblehead, and commanded by Capt. Samuel Hooper, having had the Small Pox on board has been sent by order of Authority to Rainsford Island — Our directions to you are that you receive all or any of the People into the Hospital or Well House, and also take all the Cloths Beddings &c. and air and cleanse them, as well as the Vessel, You must not permit any of the People to leave your Island without our express leave, and Report to us the Circumstances of the Briggandine &c. as soon as may be —

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

The Honble Thomas Flucker Esq. chosen a Selectman at the late Town Meeting, and sworn as the Law directs; attended the service on Wednesday last at the Selectmens Chamber, when he acquainted the Selectmen that it had been observed to him by several of his Majestys Council with whom his Excellency agreed in Sentiment; that it would be somewhat derogatory to the dignity of the Board, for one of its members to accept the Office of a Selectman unless he was complimented with the [88.] Chair, and took the Precedency by virtue of his Stattion as one of His majestys Council. At the same Time declaring that he never thought of this difficulty, and accepted of the Choice with the intention to take the lowest Seat at the Selectmens Board — and therefore desiring they would take the matter into Consideration —

The Select men having Considered on what was offered by M^{r}. Flucker, are of Opinion that they could not with any propriety, or consistent with the honor of the Town or their own Credit consent to give M^{r}. Flucker the proposed Precedency — it being not only contrary to a precedent among the Selectmen, and others in the Courts of Justice, but to the Practise of the Overseers, an inferior Order to the Selectmen, among whom a number of Counsellors formerly, and one at this Time, have taken their Seats according to the Seniority of their Election ——

M^{r}. Flucker was this Day acquainted with the determination of the Selectmen; when he reply'd — that he declined serving in that Office though with regret, and desired that the Town might be notifyed thereof, that another might be chosen in his room.

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK 12, C.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 20. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Boston May 20. 1765

Mr. Samuel Hartley

Sir —

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Phenix Samuel Hooper Master, which has been for some time detained at Rainsfords Island to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox with which she was infected, may be sufficiently air'd and cleansed by Wednesday — We hereby Order you to wash with Vinegar, smoke and cleanse said Vessel once more, and then if you apprehend she is clear of all infection, you have our leave to let her depart the Island — We need not hint to you that you must take care to get pay of said Master for cleansing the Vessels & to secure the Charge you have or may be at for the People

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 22d. 1765.

[2.] Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Boston, May 22d. 1765

Mr. Thomas Hartley

Sir —

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Rebecca Capt. William Moulton which has been for

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some Days detained at Rainsford Island has been aired and cleansed, and is now as you apprehend clear of any Infection; We hereby give you liberty to let said Vessel depart the Island, you being first satisfied for the charge of cleansing &c.

By Order of the Selectmen —
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Mr. Hartley having Reported to the Selectmen that Capt. Moultons Vessel is so well cleansed and air'd as that she may be permitted to come up to Town, with safety to the Inhabitants —

Voted, that said Vessell be permitted to come up to Town and that a Certificate be given accordingly.

[3.] Mr. Edward Page appeared, and acquainted the Select men that his Brother William and himself, were desirous of giving up their Lease for the Wharff & Flatts hired of the Town — and pray'd a Minute might be made of the same —

Mr. Henshaw appointed and desired to order the Windows of Master Lovels House to be putty'd, and such Repairs to the House as may be necessary.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston —

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, rateable at twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twenty seventh Day of May Current at ten O'Clock in the Forenoon then & there to Choose a Selectmen in the room of the Honble. Thomas Flucker Esq. who has resigned; and one Assessor in the place of Mr. Thomas Foster who declines serving; To consider the Votes relating to Collectors past last March Meeting, and to choose Collectors, those who were then chose into that Office having declined that service [4.] And to act upon such other Matters, as may properly come before said Meeting.

Voted, that Messrs. Thomas & John Fleets have the Printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 27. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Thomas Hartley having Reported to the Selectmen that Mr. Osborne who came in Capt. Moulton, and was sent down to the Hospital has been sufficiently air'd & cleansed and may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants.

Voted, that liberty be granted him accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 28. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
[5.] John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow Esq.

Ordered that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and Six Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

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Houshold	6 - 15 - 4
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Four Peny Brick Loaf	2 - 2 - 1
Bisket of a Copper price	6 - 2
NB. A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh	2 - 13 -
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According to Law, Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets; and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall [6.] Be made *for the drying of Bisket* of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be Seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, May 31. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
M^{r}. John Winslow Esq.

Boston, May 31. 1765.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that Alexander Phillips one of Capt. Hoopers Seamen who has had the Small Pox is now sufficiently aired and cleansed, you have our liberty to let him leave the Island, taking his Chest and Clothes with him which as you say are well smoked — Any thing belonging to the People which come in Captain Hooper, which you think sufficiently smoked & cleansed you may let go to those that own them.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse, was directed by two of the Selectmen, to receive into that House on the Province Charge — one John Moses, a Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant

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of any Town in this Province, neither having wherewithall to support himself.

[7.] Application being made by the Bakers, for their alteration in the Assize of Bread as stated & set the 20^{t} Instant — The Select men took their Motion into Consideration and determined that there should be no alteration made.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Selectmen passed upon Joseph Nowels Province Account amounting to Twenty eight Pounds nineteen Shillings and eight Pence $\frac{1}{2}^{d}$ — Copy whereof is on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 7. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow Esq.

[8.] Whereas the Rails in the Common extending from the Almshouse Westward below M^{r}. Hancocks House are out of repair.

Voted, That M^{r}. Hancock be desired to see said Rails repaired according to his Mind.

M^{r}. Joseph Bucknam having applied to the Select men for liberty to set up an Engine for the weighing of Hay, on the Towns Land near Olivers Dock — they agreed to take a view of said Land this Day.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 7. 1765. P.M.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
M^{r}. John Winslow

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital on Rainsfords Island, having Reported to us, that James Lacky, Francis Gay and Thomas Phillips who came in Captain Hoopers Vessell which was infected with the Small Pox are now so well smoked & air'd, that they may leave the Island with safety to the Inhabitants.

Voted, that said People be permitted to leave [9.] The Hospi-

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tal first satisfying Mr. Hartley for their Board and other Charges — And that Directions be given Mr. Hartley accordingly.

Voted, that Mess; Henshaw, Sewall & Austin be a Committee to draft a Petition to be presented to the General Court, praying that some relief may be afforded this Town under the Difficultys occasioned by the losses sustain'd by means of the Small Pox which passed through the Town the last Year — it being agreeable to a vote passed at a late meeting that such a Petition be preferred.

Voted, that the above Committee make a Representation to the General Court of the State of Deer Island Head.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Town Treasury, for Twenty Pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence the next Draft Day.

Voted, that Mess; Henshaw, Sewall & Austin a Committee to draft a Law relative to Small Pox &c be desired to propose a motion that there may be an alteration made in the Act of the Province relative to Millers, agreeable to a Vote of the Town at their late Meeting.

Mr. Leach informs that he has taken into his House a Young Woman, who came from Littleton.

[10.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 11. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock, Esq.
John Winslow Esq.

Voted, That the Visitation of the Public Schools within this Town, pursuant to the Vote and Order of the Inhabitants, at their Annual Meeting in March last, be attended on Wednesday the 26 — of June Inst. — And that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany the Selectmen in the said Visitation — Vizt —

The Honble. Thomas Hubbard
The Honble. Thomas Flucker Esq.
The Honble. James Bowdoin
The Honble. William Brattle Esq.
The Honble. Nathaniel ———
The Honble. Harrison Gray Esq.
The Honble. Royal Tyler Esq.
The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Poor.
The Revd. Joseph Sewall D.D.
The Revd. Charles Chauncey D.D.
The Revd. Jonathan Mayo D.D.
[11.] The Revd. Mr. Samuel Checkley
The Revd. mr. Ebenezer Pemberton
The Revd. mr. Samuel Mather
The Revd. mr. Andrew Elliot
The Revd. mr. Mather Byles
The Revd. mr. Samuel Cooper

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The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley Esq.
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Joseph Jackson
Co^{ll}. Saltonstall of New London
Co^{ll}. Nathaniel Thwing
James Pitts Esq.
Capt. Patric. Tracy of Newbury
John Tuder Esq.
D^{r}. Philip Godfrey Cast
M^{r}. Samuel Austin
Elder Parkman
Capt. Ichabod Jones
M^{r}. Alexander Hill
M^{r}. Frankland Williams
Nicholas Boylston Esq.
John Powell Esq.
Deacon Jonathan Williams
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
M^{r}. Samuel Pemberton
M^{r}. Mansfield of Marblehead
D^{r}. Thomas Bulfinch
[12.] D^{r}. Nathaniel Perkins
M^{r}. William Vassall
Capt. George Phillips
M^{r}. John Mico Wendell
The Surveyor General
M^{r}. John Smille
Peter Chardon Esq.
Henry Lloyd Esq.
James Beautineau Esq.
M^{r}. Edward Payne

M^{r}. Williston is directed to acquaint the several Gentlemen thereof accordingly.

Voted, that a Dinner be provided at Faneuil Hall on the Day for visiting the Schools, as usual.

Boston June 11. 1767

Gentlemen

I am directed by the Gentlemen the Selectmen to acquaint you, that they have fixed upon Wednesday, the 26^{t}. – of June Ins^{t}. for the Visitation of the public Schools, when they purpose to attend that service at the usual Hours

Your Most Humble Servt.
WILLIAM COOPER —

M^{r}. Williston was directed to call upon M^{r}. Wiswell & M^{r}. Lovel, the Masters of the two public Grammar Schools for the Names of the Fathers of those Children who are [13.] In their highest Forms, and will leave School this Season, that those Parents may be invited to attend the Visitation, and dine at Faneuil Hall on said Day.

M^{r}. Henshaw apply'd to the Selectmen in behalf of M^{r}. Brimmer, for two feet of Hog Alley, on the North East side, for which he is ready to give in to the Alley, two feet of Land on the South West side thereof.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 12, 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow Esq.

Elizabeth Coburn acquaints the Selectmen that she has taken into her Family as a Boarder one Lewis Chaperon who came in Capt. Jarvis from England.

Upon Complaint made by M^{r}. John Sweetser and Capt. Ichabod Jones that the Alley named Elbow Alley has been trespassed upon, and the Passage interrupted by M^{r}. Robert Treat and others — the Selectmen agreed to go upon the Premisses, and make examination accordingly.

[14.] The Selectmen agreeable to the request of M^{r}. Jos. Bucknam, have agreed to pitch upon a spot of the Towns Land where upon he may erect his Engine for the weighing of Hay, tomorrow 3. O'Clock — P.M.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 13. 1765.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

The Selectmen this Day view'd the Towns Land near Olivers Dock, which m^{r}. Buckman proposed for the place upon which to Erect his Engine for the weighing of Hay, when it appeared to them, it was not for the Interest of the Town to give in to his proposal.

Voted, that Capt. Ruddock and M^{r}. Hancock be a Committee to put the North Battery and Wharff adjoining into proper Repair, confining the Expence to the Sum limitted by a Vote of the Town at their Annual Meeting in May last.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 18. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

[15.] The following is a Copy of an agreement respecting the Pump near Olivers Dock — Viz^{t}

Boston June 10. 1765

Gentlemen

Provided you will order the Well now in the Street leading from Milk Street to Water Street, to be cleansed, and with the Pump repaired. We the subscribers do engage to keep said Pump in Repair for the use of the Neighbours, and the Town

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in general. Your complying with our request will oblige the part of the Town in which we live, and in particular

Your humble Servants

JOSEPH CALF
WILLIAM HALL
WILLIAM M^cNEAL
JAMES DALTON

To The Gentlemen Selectmen of Boston.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27. 1765.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

[**16.**] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Four Shillings and eight Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows— Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		9 -	
Wheaten		13 -	8
Houshold	1 -	2	
Two Penny White Loaf	1 -	2	
Wheaten	1 -	11	
Houshold	2 -	4	
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	1	
Houshold	6 -	11	
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	2	
Houshold	13 -	8	
Four Penny Brick Loaf	3 -	1	
Bisket of a Copper Price	–	6	
NB. A 4^d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh	2 -	11 -	8
a 4^d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian	3 -	10 -	

According to Law, Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the assize must be seized.

Jonathan Jenkins Master of Engine N°. 3 — appeared [**17.**] And in behalf of his Company claimed the Premium allowed by the Town, for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at M^r. Welchs House near M^r. Mathers Church — whereupon —

Voted, that a draft be made upon the Treasurer for thirteen Shillings, and four Pence, the sum allowed them by the Town for the service aforesaid.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 1st.

Mr. Edward Round Owner of the Schooner Friendship John Stevens Master from Maryland, Reports That his Vessel left Potomock in Maryland about fourteen Days past — that his Lading consists of Corn Pork & Lumber, his People all well, neither have they anything with them liable to Infection — whereupon the following was given him for his Excellency.

May it please your Excellency

The Schooner Friendship John Stevens Master from Maryland has been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox — We have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel, and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without any danger to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

[18.] Your Excellencys

Most Obedt. Hum Servants

JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
JOHN HANCOCK
Selectmen of Boston.

To,
His excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen, vizt. Joshua Henshaw and Joseph Jackson Esq. to receive into said House on the Province Charge, Paul Bejean a French, Neutral, who had been placed at Philadelphia, but came here from Hyspaniola, he being sick, and not having where with all to subsist himself.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse, was directed by two of the Selectmen, (vizt.) Mr. Austin and Mr. Hancock, to receive into that House on the Province Charge, John Fabre a blind Frenchman, and his Wife Margaret they being Strangers, and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having where with all to subsist themselves — Mr. Tyler one of the Overseers of the Poor signed said Order.

[19.] The following is a true Copy of what is entred in their Rough Minute Book ——

Boston July 3d. 1765

We the Subscribers chosen into the Office of Sealers of Leather, hereby acknowledge to have received of the Selectmen of Boston, two setts of Hammers each, which we promise to deliver up as soon as our Office expires ——

Memo. the Hammers are numbred, one Hammer being for Sole and one for upper Leather.

William Scott - - - - - 2 Hammers No. 1

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Samuel Bangs - - - - - 2 ditto - - - - - 2
William Andrews - - - 2 ditto - - - - - 3
Ebenez^r. Mackintosh - - 2 ditto - - - - - 4
Isaac Bird - - - - - - - 2 ditto - - - - - 5

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 8. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Jonn Winslow Esq.

Capt. William Dunlop of Sloop Baltimore Town, from Baltimore Town in Maryland, stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox being in said place, attended & Reports—That he left that place the 17^t. of June last [20.] that his People are all well on board, some of them have not had the Small Pox, and no one of them went in the way of the Distemper while at Maryland—That his Cargo consists wholly of Tarr, Pork, Bread, Flour and Iron—whereupon,

Voted, that the following Certificate be given him for the Governor.——

May it please your Excellency

The Sloop Baltimore Town, William Dunlop Master, from Maryland has been stopt at Castle William as a precaution against Infectious Distempers. We have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel, and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are
Your Excellency
Most Obed^t. Hum. Serv^ts.
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
Selectmen of Boston

Boston, July 8. 1765
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

Capt. Georges Bridges of Sloop Polly from Oxford in Maryland, stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox being in that place, attended & Reports—That he left Oxford the 21st. of June last, has had no sickness on board his Vessell, nor has his People been in the way of Infection. [21.] His Cargo consists of Corn Flour and Bread—whereupon—

Voted, that said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town, and the following Certificate given the Governor——

May it please your Excellency

The Sloop Polly from Oxford in Maryland has been a stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox which has prevail'd in that Country; we have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel and are of Opinion she might be permitted to come

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up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants if your Excellency thinks proper

We are
Your Excellencys
Most Obedient Hum. Servt
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN WINSLOW
Selectmen of Boston

Boston July 8. 1765
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 10. 1765.
Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

[22.] Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen — Vizt. Joseph Jackson and Samuel Sewall Esq., to receive into that House on the Province Account Elizabeth Hutenot a Child of Elizabeth Hutenot, not being old enough to support itself at service, and the mother not being an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province and but Just able to support herself.

John Piemont attended & acquainted the Selectmen that he had received into his House as a Boarder one Peter Congenie from Philadelphia, who expects a Wife and Child to follow him — said Congenie was this Day warned out of Town according to Law by Mr. Sweetser.

Mr. John Singleton Coply having apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to put down Posts before his Fence at his House in New Boston — Liberty was granted him there for upon Condition that he does not go beyond two feet & a half from the Fence, and makes good the Pavement soon after.

Mrs. Mercy Riply Wife of Capt. Ryly or Riply was sent for by the Selectmen upon a complaint, that a Servant Girl of hers about ten years of Age named Catharine Murphy, was suffered to be running about the Streets Night & Day, with Boys following and abusing her — She attended accordingly and being discoursed by the Selectmen, she agreed to [23.] Give up the Girl's Indentures, declaring at the same Time that she would not upon any account take her into her House again, unless obliged to do it — Mrs. Ripley then delivered up said Indentures, which is put on the Selectmens file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 15. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Capt. Fortesque Vernon Owner of the Schooner Britania William Vernon Master from Barbadoes stopt at Castle William on Account of the Small Pox which has been rife there, attended — and Reports that no Person on board said Vessell is or has been sick, and that they have not been in any place where that Distemper prevails, neither has he anything on board liable to convey Infection, his lading consisting of Rum and Sugar — whereupon —

Voted, that said Vessel be permitted to come up the Town, and the following Certificate given the Governor —

Boston July 15. 1765.

May it please your Excelly.

The Schooner Britania William [24.] Vernon Master from Barbadoes has been stopt at Castle William on account of the Small Pox which has prevail'd at the place; we have examined into the Circumstances of said Vessell, and are of Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper

We are
Your Excelly.
Most Obedt. Hum.
Servants
JOSHUA HENSHAW
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
JOHN WINSLOW
Selectmen of Boston

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esq.

Capt. Thatcher Rich of Schooner Unity arrived here last May from North Carolina, and brought in his Vessel a sick man, who is like to become a public Charge — said Rich being now abroad his Owner Mr. Webb was sent for, when he assured the Selectmen that he would order them to wait upom them, as soon as he arrived.

Mr. Henshaw appointed to enquire into the Circumstances of a Stranger who lodges at Mrs. Mackeens South end, said to be sick, and not having wherewithall to support himself.

[25.] Capt. Ruddock appointed to order the necessary Repairs; for the North Lattin School, and Mr. Hancock to agree for a Stov for Mr. Lovels School.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 17. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

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Mr. Obediah Curtis Master of Engine No. 8. attended and proposed Thom^s. Noland to the Selectmen as a suitable Person for an Engine Man in his Company, who was approved accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, July 21. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Mr. Henshaw and Mr. Ruddock are appointed to [26.] Appear for the Town in the dispute with the Selectmen of Watertown, relative to Sarah Larnard; when the several Affidavits were delivered the Chairman.

A Dispute having arisen between Mr. Atherton Hough and Mr. Benjamin Salsbry relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land near Mackrel Street Boston.

Messrs. Sampson Salter, William Torrey & John Leach of Boston, were appointed to settle and adjust the Lines between them — and a Warrant was issued of the following form.

Boston, July 25. 1765

To Messrs. Sampson Salter, William Torrey and John Leech all of Boston.

Whereas a difference has arose between Mr. William Hough and Mr. Benjamin Salsbry relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land near Mackrel Lane in Boston made void by the Fire that happened on the 20t. of March 1760 —

Pursuant therefor to a Law of this Province, These are to desire and impower you the said Sampson Salter, William Torrey and John Leach to go upon the Premisses, view the same hear the Partys contending, and Adjust settle and lay out the Line between them, as to you shall appear equitable.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
Selectmen of Boston.

[27.] Mr. John Hunt of Boston informs that he has let a House near Dock Square to John Lucas who has a Wife and several Children — they have not been long in Town came last from Plymouth, but had before that lived in Connecticut.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen. July 29. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread to be posted up by the Town

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Clerk, be at the rate of Four Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allow'd to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows —Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	
Houshold	1 -	1 -	6
Two Peny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Houshold	2 -	2 -	12
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Houshold	6 -	8 -	4
[28.] Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Houshold	13 -	0 -	8
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1 -	15 -	12
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	12
NB. A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat			
¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	8 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain & Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

M^{r}. Sewall is added to the Committee to attend the Action of Leland &^{c}.

Messrs. Clement Collins and John Webb appeared and acquainted the Selectmen that a misunderstanding was subsisting between them relative to the Line or Bounds of their Land in Fish Street Boston — Messrs. Nathaniel Greenwood and William Whitwell, & Benjamin Andrews of Boston were by the consent of the Partys appointed to settle and adjust the Line between them, and a Warrant was issued of the following form.

To Messrs. Nathaniel Greenwood, William Whitwell and Benjamin Andrews Esq. all of Boston —

Whereas a difference has arose between Messrs. Clement [29.] Collings and John Webb, relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land in and near Fish Street Boston — Pursuant therefore to the Power vested in us by Law, these are to desire and impower you the said Nathaniel Greenwood, William Whitwell and Benjamin Andrews to go upon the Premisses view the same, hear the Partys contending, and Adjust settle and lay out the Line between them as to you shall appear equitable.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
JOHN WINSLOW
Selectmen of Boston.

Voted, that M^{r}. Timothy Thornton have a draft on the Treas-

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urer next Draft Day for Twenty Pounds lawful Money, on part of paving work done for the Town.

Mr. John Welch acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into his House as a Tenant one Bryant a Stranger who came last from Philadelphia, the House he has hired is situated at New Boston near Mr. Jacksons Distill House.

The following return of the Number of Houses, [**30.**] People &c. was given in to Governor Bernard, May the 16t.

Houses - - - -	1676	
Families - - - -	2069	
White People above Sixteen - - -		Males 2941 Females 3612
" " under Sixteen		Males 4109 Females 4010
Negroes and Molattoes - - - - -		Males 510 Females — 301
Indians - - - - - - - - - - -		Males — 21 — Females — 16
		15520

Boston May 16. 1765

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
NATHANIEL THWING
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston for 1764.

The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons Licensed the last Year to sell Strong Drinks both as Inholders and Retailers within this Town, a return thereon has been given in to the Court of Sessions

And this Day they have also passed upon the [**31.**] Petition for License for the Year ensuing, and the following Persons only were approved and recommended — Vizt.

Inholders —

Stephen Greenleaff - - - -	At his House near Haymarket.
Francis Warden - - - - - -	Ditto - - in Bromfield Lane.
Isaac Ridgway - - - - - -	Ditto - - near the Market.

Retailers —

Benjamin Page - - - - - -	At his House near Tylers Ship-Yard.
Joshua Kent - - - - - -	Ditto - - - in Sudbury Street.
William Edes - - - - - -	Ditto - - - near Golden Ball.
Joseph Coolidge - - - -	Ditto - - - in Fish Street.
William Freeland - - - -	Ditto - - near Hancock Wharff.
James Joseph Wheeler - -	Ditto - - on the Neck.
Story Dawes - - - - - -	Ditto - - in Sudbury Street.
Richard Tripe - - - - - -	Ditto - - near Draw Bridge.
Ephraim Turner - - - - -	Ditto - - in Tremont Street.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 2d, 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.

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Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow —

[32.] Capt. Samuel Payne of Sloop Ranger from Maryland attended and Reports — That he left Maryland this Day three Weeks – his Cargo consists of Corn and Lumber, his People all well on board, and have not been in the way of Infection — whereupon —

Voted, that said Vessel may be permitted to come to Town, and that a Certificate be given for the Governor of the same tenor of the last —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 3d, 1765.
Present
Benjamin Austin Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
John Hancock Esq

Capt. Gustavous Fellows of Schooner Two Friends from Maryland, attended and Reports — That he left that about seventeen Days ago; his Cargo consists of Wheat Corn and Staves — his People are well on board, and have not been in the way of Infection — whereupon

Voted, that said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 7. 1765.
Present
[33.] Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Capt. Watts came to the Selectmens Chamber and acquainted them that the Ways at Winnisimet Ferry were so broken and damaged as to require immediate Repairs, which he pray'd might be ordered accordingly.

Mr. Sewall is desired to order the necessary Repairs for the Engine House near Dr. Sewalls Church.

Mr. William Johnson apply'd to the Select men for their license to carry on a course of Experiments in Natural Philosophy, called Electricity, he expects to be accommodated with the use of Concert Hall for said purpose provided he has the Countenance of the Selectmen — said Johnson who come here from Philadelphia appearing upon enquiry and conversation a Gentlemen of good Character and behavior

Voted, that he have liberty to carry on his Experiments in the Electrical Way, as pray'd for by him.

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[34.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 17. 1765.
Present

Upon Account of some Commotions in the Town it was thought necessary the better to preserve order in the Night, by enabling the Town Watch to make greater Exertions that ten Men be added to their present Number, which was accordingly done — but as the quiet of the Town seems now to be restored, and the Selectmen apprehend, the Inhabitants may be eased of this burden — it was Voted, that those additional Men be dismissed from the Watch, and that the Town Clerk give each of them a Draft on the Treasurer for their pay at the rate of Two Shillings and eight Pence p. Night.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 20. 1765.
Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

The Sloop Virginia Capt. William Beck from Maryland, having been stopt at Castle William, as a precaution against the spread of Infectious Distempers in this Town — we examined into the Circumstances of said Vessel, and finding there is no danger — Voted, that she be permitted to come up to Town, and a Letter wrote to the Governor accordingly.

[35.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 21. 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen. (Viz^{t}.) Joshua Henshaw & Samuel Sewall Esq. to receive on the Province Account John Higgins a Son of Elenor Higgins a Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and has not wherewithall to support him.

Upon Application made — Voted — that M^{r}. Sewall be desired to deliver to the Overseers of the Poor, Six of the Town Ladders; for the use of the Almshouse, Work house and Granary, the same to be taken from M^{r}. Thayer the Carpenters Yard.

The Selectmen upon reading, an Advertisement in the Thursdays News Paper, that one Richard Venables had opened a Dancing School at the Green Dragon Tavern, directed M^{r}. Williston to require his attendance at their Chamber — he attended accordingly and was informed by the Selectmen [36.] That they should not permit his keeping such a School in this Town.

Coll^{o}. Jackson and M^{r}. Austin are added to the Committee appointed to examine D^{r}. Church's Accounts —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Augt. 25, 1765.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.

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Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 29t. Instant, at 3 O'Clock P. M.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting —

Mr. John Procter Master of the Free Writing School in Queen Street having apply'd to the Selectmen for a number of Ink Glasses to be fixed in the Forms — he was desired to procure the same as soon as may be —

[37.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Four Shillings and ten Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt.

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Bisket of a Copper price		- 5 -	12
NB. A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 -	10 -	
a 4d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian	3 -	8 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain and proportions from ye assize must be seized.

[38.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Augt 26. 1765.

The Selectmen having considered their Vote of Yesterday for the Calling of a Town Meeting on the 29t Instant it was Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed not to issue a Warrant for said meeting untill further orders be given him respecting the same.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, August 28. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Mr. Reed & Mr. Putnam Masters of two of the Engine Companys, attended with their People by desire of the Selectmen, at the Town House the last Night, to be ready if occasion should offer to assist the Civil Magistrates in their endeavors to preserve the peace of the Town.

And this Night Mr. Sutton & Curtis, attend with their several Companys by desire of the Select men.

[39.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septembr 2d. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow

Application having been made to the Selectmen by the Officers of the Artillery Company, for the use of Faneuil Hall this Evening — Liberty was accordingly granted them.

Voted, — that the Town Clerk have a Draft on the Treasurer for Twenty five Pounds lawful Mony the next Draft Day, in part of what is due to him for his services in that office.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr 4. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. Joseph Payson appeared, and engaged with ye [40.] Select men to lay the best of gravel upon Boston Neck, and spread the same at the rate of One Shilling and four pence lawful Money p. Load.

Voted, that Collo. Henshaw be desired to order such a quantity of Gravel to be laid on the Neck as he shall think proper.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen — Vizt. Collo. Henshaw and Mr. Hancock to receive on the Province Account — Lawrence Cooper, a sick Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and has not wherewithall to subsist himself.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 8. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

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John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston —

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith [41.] To warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the twelfth day of September Instant at 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon then and there agreeable to the request of a Number of the principal Inhabitants to confer upon such measures, as shall appear to them necessary to be taken in consequence of the Stamp Act, and other matters of grievance, and to determine whether Instructions shall be given their Representatives in General Assembly for their Conduct at this very alarming Crisis — Also to consider the Petition of Capt. Onesiphorus Tileston and others Tradesmen employ'd in repairing Faneuil Hall, praying that the Town would grant them some relief on account of the length of Time, they have already and are still like to be out of the Money due to them; and to act upon such other Matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 11, 1765.

Capt. Anthony Thatcher of Schooner Three Friends from Nontacook in Maryland — Reports — [42.] That he left that place about a Month past, that his Cargo consists of Grain Iron and Stoves, his People all well on board, and have nothing with them that has been in the way of Infection — whereupon —

Voted, that the Schooner be permitted to come up to Town, and a Certificate given the Governor accordingly.

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen to receive into the Alms house, to be supported there at the Charge of the Province, James Perrin a lame Man his Wife and one Child, they being Strangers and not having wherewith to subsist themselves.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septemr. 13, 1765.

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen, to receive into the Alms house to be supported there at the Charge of the Province, William Hutson a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province is sick, and has not wherewithall to subsist himself —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 18. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
[43.] John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

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Upon Representation made to the Selectmen, the following Warrant was issued ——

Boston September 18. 1765

To Messrs. Sampson Salter, William Torrey, & John Leach all of Boston ——

Whereas a difference has arose between Mr. Autherton Hough, Mr. Benjamin Salsbry, and John Borland Esq. relating to the Line or Bounds of their Land near Mackerel Lane in Boston, made void by the Fire that happened on the 20t of March 1760

Pursuant therefore to a Law of this Province these are to desire and impower you the said Sampson Salter, William Torrey and John Leach to go upon the Premises, view the same hear the Partys contending, and Adjust settle and lay out the Line between them as to you shall appear equitable

JOSHUA HENSHAW
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
JOHN WINSLOW
Selectmen of Boston

John Thompson Tobacconist, who lives opposite to [44.] Capt. Carys House, informs the Selectmen, that he had received into his Family about Four months since Elizabeth Campbell, who had before lived at Point Shirley.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen September 21. 1765

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Capt. Gee Hodgkins of Sloop Hampton from Maryland attended, and Reports — that he left said Place about three Weeks past, his People all well on board — has not been in the way of the Small Pox, and his Cargo consists of Corn, Staves &c.

Whereupon it was Voted that the above Vessel stopt at Castle William as a precaution against infectious Distempers, be permitted to come up to Town, and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Septemr. 25. 1765

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
[45.] Mr. John Winslow

The Selectmen having received a Precept from the Honourable Samuel White Esq. Speaker of the Honourable the House of Representatives, bearing date the 25t Day of September Instant for choosing a Representative for the remaining part of the Year in the room of Oxenbridge Thatcher Esq. lately deceased.

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Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constable of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within your respective Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings, Annum in Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Fryday the twenty seventh Day of Septem^r. Current at 10. O'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one Person (being a Freeholder and resident in the Town) to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court in their present Sessions in Boston, and so for the remaining part of the year in the room of Oxenbridge Thatcher Esq. lately deceased, according to a Precept under the Hand and Seal of the Honourable Samuel White Esq. Speaker of the Honourable the House [**46.**] of Representatives, bearing date the twenty fifth Day of September Instant

NB. The Poll for the choice of a Representative will be closed at Twelve o'Clock, and a strict Scrutiny made as to the Qualifications of Voters.

Voted, that the Rev^d. M^r. Samuel Checkley be desired to open the Town Meeting on Fryday next with Prayer, and that M^r. Austin and M^r. Winslow be desired to wait upon him and acquaint him thereof.

Voted, that Messrs. Thomas and John Fleet have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

Passed upon M^r. Samuel Procter, Keeper of the Alms house his Province Accounts amounting to £246–15–5¾ and £18–8–2½. Copys whereof are on File.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen. Septem^r, 30. 1765.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Winslow

[**47.**] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^t.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		7	14
Wheaten		11	13
Houshold		15	12
Two Penny White Loaf		15	12
Wheaten	1	7	10
Houshold	1	15	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	6	14
Houshold	6	10	5
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	13	12
Houshold	13	4	10

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	Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	8
	Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	4
NB.	A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2 -	9	
	A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	7	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

[48.] Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Select men to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there at the charge of the Province, John Newman a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and has not where withall to subsist himself.

Passed upon Thomas Willistons Province Account amounting to Three Pounds eight Shillings and four Pence lawful money, Copy of which is on file.

Passed upon Messrs. Box & Austins Province Accot. in which are included Daniel Southers & Palfrey & Burroughs Accounts, the whole amounting to Twenty four Pounds, five Shillings lawful Money as p. Account of Particulars on file.

Passed upon Daniel Mackeens Province Account amounting to Eight Pounds eighteen Shillings lawful Money, Copy whereof is on file.

Passed upon Dingly Wings Province Account amounting to Two Pounds sixteen Shillings and six pence four fifths, Copy whereof is on file

[49.] Passed upon John Scollay Esq. Province Account amounting to Ten Pounds nineteen Shillings and ten pence half Penny, lawful Money — Copy whereof is on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 9. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

The Selectmen have agreed to visit Deer Island on Tuesday next.

Passed upon Thomas Palphry & Companys Province Accounts amounting to the sum of One pound nineteen Shillings lawful Money, and is for sundrys delivered Thomas Hartley December 8, 1759, — as p. Copy of the same on file.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 10- 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
[50.] John Ruddock Esq.

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John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Whereas this Year is the Time appointed by Law for Perambulating the Bounds betwixt Town and Town — It was therefore Agreed upon and ordered by the Selectmen that Tuesday the 15t. of this Instant October be the Time for running the Line and renewing the Bound Marks between the Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury; And that the Selectmen Vizt. Joshua Henshaw Joseph Jackson, Benjamin Austin, Samuel Sewall, John Ruddock, John Hancock Esq. and Mr. John Winslow or any two of them be a Committee for and in behalf of the Town of Boston, fully Authorized and impowered to Join with such Persons as the Selectmen of Roxbury shall appoint and impower to attend and perform the same, and that all Persons concerned therein be and hereby are desired to meet at the House of Capt. Gideon Gardner who keeps the George Tavern on Boston Neck, at 10. OClock in the Forenoon of said Day, in order to attend the said Business; And the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give seasonable notice by a Letter to the Selectmen of Roxbury of this Appointment, desiring them to appoint and impower a Committee in behalf of the Town of Roxbury to Join with us in that service accordingly; but if the Weather should prove wet and unsuitable for the performance of said work [**51.**] On the Day above mentioned, then the same to be attended and performed on the Thursday following (Vizt) on Thursday the seventeenth of October Current at the said place at Ten O'Clock in the Forenoon.

Copy of the Letter to the Selectmen of Roxbury, as follows — vizt

Boston October 10l, 1765.

The Selectmen of Boston
to The Selectmen of Roxbury.

Gentlemen

These are to Notify you that this Year is the Time wherein according to Law, you are required to run the Boundary Line betwixt this Town and the Town of Roxbury. You are therefore desired to appoint and impower a Committee to Join with that of ours, for the performance of that service, and that they meet us at the House of Mr. Gideon Gardner who keeps the George Tavern on Boston Neck, on Tuesday the 15. of this Instant October at 10. OClock in the Forenoon — The Persons appointed in behalf of this Town are, the Selectmen vizt. Joshua Henshaw, Joseph Jackson, Benjamin Austin, Samuel Sewall, John Ruddock, John Hancock Esq. and Mr. John Winslow, and they or any two of them are impowered to run the Line and renew the Bound Marks between the said Town of Boston and Roxbury accordingly; But if the Weather on the said 15. Day of October Inst. should prove wet & unsuitable [**52.**] For the performance of this work then we do propose and appoint to attend the same on the Thursday following — vizt. On Thursday the 17t. of this Inst. October to meet at the said Place at 10. OClock Before Noon —

By order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk —

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 11. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow

Dr. Cast attended and acquainted the Selectmen that George Lewis, Mate of Schooner Dolphin Isaac Smith Master from Philadelphia, who lodges at a House of Mr. Hills in Board Alley against the New North Meeting House is taken down there with the Small Pox — whereupon Capt. Smith was sent for, who accordingly appeared, and Reported, That he left Philadelphia this Day fortnight, and arrived here last Tuesday — That his People were all well when they came in, and no one of them had any suspicion of their having taken the Small Pox, as that Distemper was not rife in the City of Philadelphia when they lay there — That the [**53.**] only Persons who came in him, and were liable to receive the Infection are two Lads under his care — and that his Cargo consists of Flour, Bar Iron and a few Casks of Linseed Oyle.

The Select men upon this information desired Dr. Cast who attends the Sick Man, to direct Mr. Williston in the removal of him to New Boston, he having consented therto — At the same Time directions were given Capt. Smith relative to the removal of the Bedding &c. in his Vessel to a place of safety.

Mr. Nathaniel Glover appear'd and informed the Selectmen, that he had taken into his Family as a maid Servant, Elenor White, who came from Pownalburrough.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 24l. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow Esq.

Mr. Williston having Reported that George Lewis died of the Small Pox at the Hospital at New Boston on the seventeenth Instant — Directions were given relative to his burial [**54.**] And Mr. Williston was also ordered to take in the Flagg which had been put out as a signal of Infection, the House being now sufficiently smoked and cleansed.

Mr. Adams Clerk of the Market was directed by the Selectmen to bring in his Account in order for a Settlement.

Collo. Henshaw, Mr. Winslow and Mr. Sewall appointed a Committee to Settle with Messrs. Lillie and Hews, and take into their possession on behalf of the Town, some Lands near the South Market, their Lease for the same being now expired.

The Select men of Boston in concert with the Selectmen of

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Roxbury attended the Perambulation betwixt the Two Towns on the 15 of October Ins^{t}. — A Report whereof is here Recorded and is as follows — Viz^{t}. —

Pursuant to Agreement we the Subscribers met at the Time and Place appointed and run the Line and renewed the Antient Bound Marks, between the Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury beginning at the Mouth of the Creek which opens into the Bay leading to Cambridge; and so goes as the Creek runs untill it comes in a range with the Fence and Trees which parts between John Richardson Esqr. late his Land formerly M^{r}. Nathaniel Brewers, and Samuel Wells Esq. Land formerly called M^{r}. Minots, then across the Street or High Way untill it comes to a large Stone standing [**55.**] End way in the Fence, and from thence to a Stump with a heap of Stones about Eighty feet from the High Way, and from thence strait to a little Knob on the edge of the Creek a Corner of the Bounds where stands a Stake marked B. on the Easterly side and R. on the Westerly side; and from thence Eastwardly as the Creek runs untill it comes to a small Stake marked B. on the one side and R on the other in Coll^{o}. Lambs Dam and from thence as the Creek runs into the Bay between Boston and Dorchester.

Dated the fifteenth Day of October A.D. 1765 —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
JOHN WINSLOW
Selectmen of Boston

EBENEZER NEWELL
JOHN DAVIS
SAMUEL SUMNER
ELEAZER WELD
AARON DAVIS
Selectmen of Roxbury

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 26. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
M^{r}. John Winslow

[**56.**] M^{r}. Samuel Ruggles chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1765 — attended, and proposed M^{r}. Samuel Ruggles Housewright and M^{r}. Robert Pierpoint Gentleman, as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust, who were approved of by the Selectmen; and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds accordingly-

M^{r}. Sampson Salter chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for

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the Year 1765 — attended and proposed, Messrs. John Salter and Daniel Rea as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust, who were approved of by the Selectmen and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 28. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there at the Charge of the Province John Whelan a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province and has not wherewithall to subsist himself.

[57.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny White Loaf		7	14
Wheaten		11	13
Houshold		15	12
Two Peny White Loaf		15	12
Wheaten	1	7	10
Houshold	1	15	8
Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4	6	14
Houshold	6	10	5
Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8	13	12
Houshold	13	4	10
Four Peny Brick Loaf	1	12	8
Bisket of a Copper price		5	4
NB. A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	9	
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3	7	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket, and such Bread as is not well baked, or that shall be made of different Grain & Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

[58.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 30. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Edward Hollyday chosen one of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1765 attended, and proposed Isaac Winslow of Roxbury

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Esq. and Henry Allyne of Boston Not Pub^{c}. as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust, who were approved of by the Selectmen, and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, October 31. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

The Town Clerk is directed to acquaint the Masters of the public Schools in this Town, that it is the desire of the Select men, that they keep their several Schools on the fifth Day of November next.

[59.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^{r}. 1. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen, vizt. Joseph Jackson Esq. & Samuel Sewall Esq. to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there at the Charge of the Province Mary Montgomery and her Child, being Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having where withall to subsist themselves.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston qualified as the Law directs to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Satturday the Second of November Instant, at Nine O.Clock, Before Noon then and there to consider of the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants, that measures may be taken to prevent the Disorders that sometimes happen at this Season of the Year.

[60.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 6. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mrs. Moore presented her Petition to the Selectmen for their approbation of her as an Inholder at her House the South part of Boston, which had been a Licensed House for some Years past, and

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the same having been considered — Voted, that she be approbated accordingly.

Mr. John Mulloy presented his Petition to the Selectmen for their approbation of him as a Retailer at the House on the Neck over against the George Tavern, and the same having been considered — Voted — that he be approbated accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 8. 1765.

Present

Mr. S. — Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

[61.] Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen, vizt. Joshua Henshaw and Benjamin Austin Esqrs. to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there at the Charge of the Province Jane McCloud a Soldiers Wife late of Collo. Fraziers Regiment, she being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, also infirm and not having where withall to support herself.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 8. 1765. P.M.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Nathaniel Shiverick, Master of Sloop Lovely from Hallifax, having brought in said Vessel to this Town John Donevan a Disbanded Soldier his Wife & one Child, without Reporting said Passengers to the Impost Master as by Law, enjoined, was ordered to attend the Selectmen, but refused so doing — whereupon, it was Voted, that complaint be made of this Conduct to Mr. Justice Dana, in order to his being proceeded with according to Law for his said offence

[62.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 11. 1765

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. McNight apply'd to the Selectmen in behalf of Mr. Secretary Oliver, for liberty to open a private Drain at a House of his near the Corn fields — whereupon — Voted that liberty be accordingly granted provided the Pavement is restored, and Ground made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Alexander Hodgden came to the Selectmens Chamber and

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informed them that John Waters, who came Passenger in Capt. Abel Badger from Philadelphia who arriv'd here last Tuesday, was taken down with the Small Pox the last Evening at Capt. Waters's House, which is adjoining Mr. Ballards.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 11. 1765. P.M.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

The Selectmen went to Capt. Waters's House, in order [63.] To prevail with the Person sick of the Small Pox to consent to his being removed to the Hospital that Evening — but he absolutely declined going at that Time.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 12. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Dr. Peck attended and informed the Selectmen that a Person who came in Capt. Timothy Parker from Philadelphia and bords with Mr. Lobden on Minots T. is broke out with the Small Pox — whereupon Capt. Parker was sent for and being examined declared That he left Philadelphia in the Sloop Three Friends, the 31. of October last, with Six People besides himself, and arrived here last Satturday, all then well on board, but liable except himself to receive the Small Pox, who were therefore all detain'd on board the Vessell excepting the Person sick at Mr. Lobdens — that his Cargo consists of Flour Iron and Bran, and has nothing on board which was taken in at Philadelphia liable to convey Infection.

Mr. John Waters sick of the Small Pox at Capt. Waters House North End having consented to his being removed [64.] This Evening to the Hospital at New Boston he was accordingly removed. And the Person sick of the same Distemper at Mr. Lobdens on Minots T. consenting also to his being removed to the same place — Mr. Williston was directed to see it done at an hour when few People are abroad.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In his Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston qualified as the Law directs to convene at Faneuil Hall on Fryday the fifteenth Day of November Current at 3. O'Clock in the Afternoon, then and there to determine whether they will choose two Collectors of Taxes for the present Year in the room of Messrs. Edward Church and Benjamin Edes who were chose in May and June last but

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refuse to serve; And to act upon such other Matters as may properly come before said Meeting.

Voted, that Mr. Zachary Fowle have the printing of the Notifications, for the ensuing Town Meeting.

The following Directions were given Mr. Foy Keeper of the Hospital New Boston respecting the Persons sent there with the Small Pox.

[65.] Boston, Novemr. 12. 1765.

Mr. Joseph Foye

We depend upon your strictly complying with these our Orders — You must suffer no one Person to enter your House on any account without our permition, having directed Mr. Williston to supply you with necessarys — You must not have a Dog in your Yard or near your House for fear of conveying Infection — We expect you take the greatest care of the two Persons sent to the Hospital while sick of the Small Pox, and under your care and that in everything you and your Wife conduct in such a manner as may prove a Credit to the House

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novemr. 15l–1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Capt. James Roberts of Sloop Betsy from North Carolina having brought into the Town from said place one Joshua Jones a poor needy Person, Mr. Ruddock is appointed to settle ye affair.

[66.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novr. 19. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Mr. John Hurd applied to the Selectmen for leave to open a private Drain, which will run three Feet into the Street, and then enter the Common Shore —

Mr. William Phillips acquainted the Selectmen, that he had let a House of his to John Sullivan, who was last at a House of Mr. Colmans.

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Select men, vizt. Collo. Henshaw and Mr. Sewall, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there at the Charge of the Province, John Lewis who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and has not wherewithall to support himself.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^{r}. 25. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[67.] John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
John Winslow Esq.

M^{r}. William Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7. appeared and in behalf of his Company, Claimed the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at Capt. Greens Distill house whereupon — Voted, that a Draft be made on the Treasurer for thirteen Shillings and four Pence, the Sum allowed by the Town for the service aforesaid.

D^{r}. Whitworth having Reported to the Selectmen that a Son of M^{r}. Hodgdens who was permitted to attend M^{r}. Waters while Sick of the Small Pox at the Hospital at New Boston, is now so well cleansed and air'd that he may be permitted to leave the House with safety to the Inhabitants, he having a shift of Clothes first sent to him.

Voted, that said Hogsden have liberty to leave the Hospital, so soon as his Father shall provide him with a shift of Clothes, he also engaging not to go in the way of People for some time, to prevent ye uneasiness it might occasion.

The following Directions were sent the Keeper of the Hospital

Boston, Novem^{r}. 25^{1} — 1765

You are directed to permit M^{r}. Hodgden to leave the Hospital, first seeing him strip'd to his Skin & washed in [68.] One Room, when he is to slip into another, to cloath himself with the Shift of Clothes his Father has sent to him — We depend upon your utmost care to prevent any infection being communicated ——

By Order of the Select men

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk ——

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p- Bushel for Wheat, and six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — vizt.

		lb-	oz-	dr-
Of Penny	White Loaf		7 -	14
	Wheaten		11 -	13
	Houshold		15 -	12
Two Penny	White Loaf		15 -	12
	Wheaten	1 -	7 -	10
	Houshold	1 -	15 -	8
Six Penny	Wheaten Loaf	4 -	6 -	14
	Houshold	6 -	10 -	5
Twelve Penny	Wheaten Loaf	8 -	13 -	12
	Houshold	13 -	4 -	10
Four Penny	Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	8
Bisket of a Copper price			3 -	4
NB. A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat				
¼ Rye meal must weigh		2 -	9 -	
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian		3 -	7 -	

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[69.] According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Novem^r. 27. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
M^r. John Winslow.

M^r. Frankland Master of Engine N. 9 —. attended, and informed the Select men that two of his Company — vizt. Stephen Wales and Thomas Wheeler, had left the service; and at the same Time presented George Roulston & Daniel Parks as suitable Persons to fill up those vacancys if the Selectmen think fit — whereupon — Voted, — that the said Persons be and hereby are admitted as Engine Men in said Franklands Company.

M^r. Nathaniel Patten living at New Boston, informed the Select men that he has taken into his House as a Maid Servant Jerusha Humphrys, who came last from Dorchester ——

Capt. Mackay, at New Boston, informed the Select men, that he has taken into his Family as a Servant, Watestill Jones. [70.] She came last from the Town of Dorchester.

Voted, that M^r. Pratt who hires Deer Island of the Town, be permitted to go on with the Stone Wall, and also to procure a Pump, for the Well on said Island.

The Selectmen this Day made choice of M^r. Jeremy Belknap Junr. for Usher of the North Lattin School, in the room of M^r. Ephraim Langdon, lately deceased — And the Town Clerk is directed to advise him thereof.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 4, 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.

The Town Clerk this Day laid before the Selectmen, a Letter he had Just received from M^r. Jeremy Belknap Junr. acquainting them that he is under such engagement to the Town of Greenland, and so well satisfied with his situation, that he must decline accepting of the choice made of him for the Usher of the North Grammar School in Boston — at the same Time acknowledge his great Obligation to the Selectmen for the honor done him by said choice.

[71.] The Honble. Thomas Hubbard Esq this Day delivered up to the Selectmen, the Key of the Cellar under the Granary; the Time he was to have the same being now expired.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decem^r. 11. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^r. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen Viz^t. Coll^o. Henshaw & John Hancock Esq. to receive into the Almshouse at the Province Charge, one Peter Murray a lame Man, who is a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town of this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself ——

D^r. Whetworth having Reported to the Selectmen that M^r. Hodgdens Clothes are sufficiently air'd & cleansed.

Liberty was given him to take the same from the Hospital.

The Selectmen passed upon M^r. John Winslows Province Account amounting to Nine Pounds, eighteen Shillings & four Pence $\frac{3}{4}$ — as p. Copy there of on file.

[72.] The Selectmen this Day appointed M^r. Josiah Langdon to be Usher of the North Grammar School in the room of M^r. Ephraim Langdon deceased.

M^r. William Frobisher appeared, and desired liberty might be given him by the Selectmen to open Ground from his House near the Green Dragon, in order to carry a Drain into the Common Shore.

Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted, provided he make good the Ground & Pavement again as soon as the Drain is finished, to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 17. 1765.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
M^r. John Winslow

The Selectmen received a Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants, praying that a Meeting may be called to consider of Measures to obtain redress under the Distress &c. [73.] Occasioned by the shutting up Courts of Justice Probates &c. through the Province, and the same having been duly considered.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to Issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston qualified as the Law directs to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of December Instant at Ten OClock Before Noon, then and there to Consider of the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants, that Measures may be immediately taken to obtain Relief under the Distress occasioned by the sev-

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eral Courts of Justice Probate &c. in this Province being shut up; and also to choose Jurors for January Court.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

The following was sent the Select men of Ipswich by Constable Clerk.

Boston, December 18. 1767.

Gentlemen

We now send to you by a Constable one Edward Eveleth who is an Inhabitant of Ipswich; being disorder'd in his Senses, and incapable of taking care of [74.] Himself it must be done by the Town of which he is an Inhabitant; Persons of his turn of Mind being disposed to wander you'l doubtless take care to prevent his returning to us, which if he should will occasion a charge to your Town By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk ——

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 19. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Dr. Whitworth attended and acquainted the Selectmen that a Young Woman who lives at the House of Mr. Thomas Jackson in Wings Lane as a Maid, has now the Small Pox out upon her — whereupon Mr. Williston was directed to carry the said Woman to the Hospital at New Boston, this Afternoon, she having consented to be removed there.

Dr. Whitworth acquainting the Selectmen that Mr. Waters who has had the Small Pox at the Hospital was now sufficiently smoked and cleansed; Liberty was [75.] there upon given for his leaving the Hospital, the Doctor taking care that he have a proper shift of Clothes —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Decemr. 24. 1765.

Capt. Thomas Neal of Sloop Lovely Peggy from Maryland appeard, and Reported to the Selectmen, that when he left that Country, the Small Pox was not prevalent there — that he has nothing on board liable to Infection, his Vessel being wholly loaded with Wheat, and that all his People are in health, whereupon —

Voted, that the Vessel be permitted to come up to Town, the Selectmen apprehending it may be done with safety to the Inhabitants; and that a Certificate be given the Governor accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, December 25. 1765.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Mr. Samuel Whitney acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Servant one Mace a married Woman, who came from Roxbury.

At a Meeting of the Select men, December 30. 1765.

Present

[76.] Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, Vizt.

		lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Peny	White Loaf		7 -	14
	Wheaten		11 -	13
	Houshold		15 -	12
Two Peny	White Loaf		15 -	12
	Wheaten	1 -	7 -	10
	Houshold	1 -	15 -	8
Six Peny	Wheaten Loaf	4 -	6 -	14
	Houshold	6 -	10 -	5
Twelve Peny	Wheaten Loaf	8 -	13 -	12
	Houshold	13 -	4 -	10
Four Peny	Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	8
Bisket of a Copper Price		-	5 -	4
NB. A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh		2 -	9 -	
a 4d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian		3 -	7 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of [77.] Biskets and such Bread as is not well bak'd or that shall be made of different Grains and Proportions from the Assize must be seized.

Mr. Torrey appeared, and in behalf of his Mother Silense Torrey, pray'd the Selectmen that she might be approbated by them to retail Spirituous Liquors at her House in Atkinson Street, in the room of her Husband lately deceased.

Voted, that Mr. Abijah Adams the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market be and hereby is allowed Twenty five p. cent Commissions on all the Mony he shall from Time to Time Collect of the Butchers and Country People who are admitted within the Rails of Market Square, tho' not within the Market House, which the Town Treasurer is to allow him, provided he pays into the Treasury Weekly, the whole Sum Collected, and also gives in an Account of particulars to said Treasurer.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 1^{s}. 1766.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock.
M^{r}. John Winslow Esq.

The Selectmen being informed that M^{r}. John Boyes Wharfinger had put a Cow House in Battery March Street [78.] Which runs in upon the Towns Land about ten Feet; said Boyes was sent for, when he acknowledged the trespass, and was directed by the Selectmen to remove said Building, which he engaged should be done as soon as possible.

The Selectmen Rented the Cellar under the Granary to M^{r}. William Tayler Merchant, at the same rate M^{r}. Commissary Hubbard let the Cellar for, said Rent to commence from the 24^{t}. of December last.

M^{r}. Ephraim Langdon the late Usher of the North Grammar School, having before he deceased been detained from attending his duty the space of three Months by reason of Bodyly indisposition, for which Time no draft has been given him, other help was provided for the School all that while — the Selectmen upon Application made by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Eliot, appointed Administrator of said Estate, now took the matter into consideration, and the Question was put "Whether a Draft shall be made on the Treasury for the amount of the Deceased Salary the Time he was absent from School, payable to the Administrator, when it passed into the Affermative; and the Town Clerk was directed to make the Draft accordingly —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 8 — 1766 —

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
[79.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{rs}. Silense Torrey, having apply'd to the Selectmen for their approbation of her as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors in the room of her late Husband deceased, at her House in Atkinson Street; was accordingly approbated her said Husband having deceased within the year he was licensed.

John Scollay Esq. having presented his Petition to the Selectmen, praying he might be approbated by them to Retail Spirituous Liquors in the room of M^{r}. William Sloan who has left M^{r}. Storys Distill House, which is now improved by M^{r}. Scollay, he was accordingly approbated.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter was directed by two of the Selectmen to receive into the Almshouse to be supported there at the Charge of the Province, Benjamin Douset a French Neutral his Wife and one Child, they being Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province, and now requiring some Relief.

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Mr. Foye was directed by the Selectmen to permit Mrs. Ann Durham to leave the Hospital at New Boston — Dr. Whitworth having informed the Selectmen that she is well of the Small Pox, & has been sufficiently Air'd and cleansed.

Mr. Foye was directed by the Selectmen, to permit [80.] Mr. Hodgdon to take away Mr. Waters Clothes, they being first well air'd and cleansed — Mr. Foye was at the same time allowed to leave the Hospital, in order to pursue his business.

Passed upon Dr. Benjamin Churches Province Account for attending the Sick at the Almshouse, which has been presented the Selectmen for their examination amounting in the whole to One hundred & fifty One Pounds Seventeen Shillings — as p. Copy thereof on file.

Mr. Samuel Proctor was directed by two of the Selectmen to receive into the Alms house to be supported there at the Province Charge one John Domineco, a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewith to support himself in a Sickly State.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 12. 1766.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr John Winslow

The Overseers of the Towns Poor having informed the Select men that one Hayes, brought into this Town, [81.] By Capt. Atwood, was carried to the Almshouse as a Person disordered in his Senses — said Atwood was sent for — and appearing at the Select men's Chamber accordingly, he then engaged to take said Hayes back with him to Hallifax when he sayled, which he expected would be in a few Days.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 15. 1766.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.

Mr. Frankland Master of Fire Engine No. 9 apply'd to the Select men for an addition of two Men to his Company, which will then consist of Seventeen Men besides himself, being the same Number which was allowed him, before the late War — whereupon —

Voted,

that Capt. Frankland be permitted to enlist two Men as desired in addition to his present Number, they being first presented to the Selectmen for their approbation.

Voted, that Constable Clark be directed to carry out of this

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Town, a Widow Woman and her Children who came from Little Cambridge, and now lives at New Boston.

[81.] The following was sent to the Assessors of the Town of Boston — Viz^{t}.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy and the Business they do here, it being agreeable to Law.

The Honble. James Russell Esq.
M^{r}. John Soley
Ralph Inman Esq.
M^{r}. Anthony Thomas
M^{r}. Joseph Palmer
M^{r}. Thomas Russell
M^{r}. Elisha Doane
Messrs. Simon Whipple & Company.
M^{r}. Timothy Folger
M^{r}. Joseph Roach
M^{r}. Christopher Hussey
M^{r}. Sylvanus Hussey

We are Gentlemen
Your Humble Servants
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
Selectmen of Boston

Boston December 15. 1765

To the Gentlemen Assessors of the Town of Boston.

[82.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 22^{d}. 1766.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. William Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7 — presented Thomas Bolter to the Selectmen as a proper Person for his Engine Company in the room of John Loughton who has left the Province. — whereupon —

Voted, that said Bolter be and hereby is admitted an Engine Man, accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 27. 1766.

Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
M^{r}. John Winslow

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Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		7	14
Wheaten		11	13
Houshold		15	12
[82.] Two Penny White Loaf		15	12
Wheaten	1	7	10
Houshold	1	15	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4	6	14
Houshold	6	10	5
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8	13	12
Houshold	13	4	10
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1	12	8
Bisket of a Copper price		5	4
NB. A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal, must weigh		2	9
A 4^{d}. Ditto, not above ½ Indian		3	7

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Bisket, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportion of the Assize must be seized.

M^{r}. Samuel Parker Merchant appeared and handed in to the Selectmen for their perusal, an Account, whereby it appears there is due from himself and Elisha Thatcher, to Joseph Rickets, a Person who died of the Small Pox at the Hospital at New Boston — Three Pounds five Shillings and four Pence lawful Money.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Jany. 29. 1766.
Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
&^{c}. &^{c}.

[83.] M^{r}. Putnam Master of Engine N°. 4 appeared, and informed the Selectmen that said Engine was the first brought to work upon the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. Smiths House, and desired the Premium allowed by the Town, may be paid them.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same accordingly.

M^{r}. William Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7 appeared and informed the Selectmen that his Engine was first brought to work upon the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. John Boylstons Store and therefore pray'd that the Premium granted by the Town might be allowed his Company.

M^{r}. Thomas Read of Engine No. —— appeared, & informed the Selectmen that his Engine was first brought to play at the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. John Boylstons Store and therefore claim'd the Premium granted by the Town on such occasions.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, January 30. 1766.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.

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Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock, Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
[84.] Mr. John Winslow

Mr. Ebenezer Peirpoint appeared, and Agreed with the Selectmen to make a back to the Wall on the West side of Boston Neck, of four Rods and to find the Stakes, for the Sum of Eighteen Shillings lawful Mony.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby 6. 1766.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Mr. John Winslow

Mr. Edmund Curtis appeared, and presented John Crosby Junr. and Thomas Hinkley to the Select men as suitable Persons for his Engine Company — whereupon —

Voted — that the said Crosby and Hinckley, be & hereby are admitted, Engine Men, accordingly.

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK 12, D.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Febru^{y}. 6- 1766.
Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
M^{r}. John Winslow

M^{r}. Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7- and M^{r}. Read Master of Engine N^{o}. ——— appeared, and the Selectmen having heard what each of them had to offer in support of their Claim for bringing their Engine to work on the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. Boylston's Warehouse; as entred in these Minutes the 29th. of January last; and also examined several Gentlemen who went early at said Fire — do Adjudge the Premium to M^{r}. Reed & Company, it plainly appeared that his Engine was the first that was brought to play thereon; and the Town Clerk is directed to give him a Draft for the same accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feb^{ry}. 12- 1766.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq
[2.] Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Williston was directed to notify the Justices of Peace within this Town to meet at the Selectmens Chamber on Fryday next Six O Clock in the Evening.

M^{r}. David Wheeler having applyed to the Select men for their permition to build a Tomb in the new burying Ground next to M^{r}. Thomas Trotts — Liberty was accordingly granted him.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 19, 1766.
Present
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

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Mr. Jonathan Jenkins Master of Engine No. 3 presented to the Selectmen, Messrs. William Dorricot & Benjamin Galloop, as suitable Persons, to be admitted into his Engine Company in the room of Messrs. Web Pearson and Abraham Putham, who were accordingly approved of by the Selectmen.

Capt. Benjamin Eustis applyd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain across the Street in Still House Square in order to clear the Water from his Cellar — whereup —

[3.] Voted, that Liberty be given him accordingly, provided that he makes good the Ground and restores the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Thursday the 13th. Day of February A.D. 1766.

Present
The Honble. Samuel Wells Esq.
John Hill Esq.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
John Avery Esq.
John Tudor Esq.
Justices of the Peace
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Select men —
John Barrett Esq.
Mr. Jonathan Mason
Melatiah Bourn Esq.
Mr. William Whitwell
[4.] Capt. Benjamin Hammatt
Mr. Henderson Inches
Mr. Ebenezer Storer
John Avery Esq.
Isaac Smith Esq.
Overseers of the Poor

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed upon to be attended on Tuesday the 18th of February Instant at Nine O'Clock in the Morning, if the Weather be suitable, if not then on the Wednesday following being the 19t. Instant — And it is also Agreed to meet at the Selectmens Chamber at Five O'Clock in the Evening of said Day to Report the state of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows — Vizt.

Ward Number One
Capt. Benjamin Hammett
John Steel Esq.
Mr. Nathaniel Holmes
Mr. Benjamin Harrod
Mr. Alexander Hill

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John Tudor Esq.
Deacon Jonathan Brown
Mr. John Downe — Constable

Ward Number Two
Mr. William Whitwell
[5.] John Ruddock Esq.
Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood
Mr. John Grant
Mr. Joseph Belknap
Capt. Fortesque Vernon
Mr. Josiah Waters
Mr. Jonathan Williams
Mr. Elisha Byles. Constable

Ward Number Three
Joseph Gardner Esq.
Foster Hutchinson Esq.
Mr. Joseph Bradford
Majr. Newman Grenough
Mr. Nathaniel Loring
Dr. Jont. Mountforth
Mr. James Thomas. Constable

Ward Number Four
John Barrett Esq.
Samuel Grant Esq.
Ezekiel Goldthwait Esq.
Mr. David Jeffries Esq.
Richard Dana Esq.
Dr. Daniel Pecker
Mr. Samuel Harris. Constable

Ward Number Five
[6.] Mr. Benjamin Dolbear
Thomas Tyler Esq.
Mr. Alexander Chamberlain
Capt. William Homes
Mr. John Kneeland
Mr. Peter Barbour. Constable

Ward Number Six
Isaac Smith Esq.
Belcher Noyes Esq.
Capt. Benjamin Andrews
Arnold Wells Esq.
Capt. John Bradford
John Scollay Esq.
Mr. Caleb Blanchard
Mr. Augustus Hail. Constable

Ward Number Seven
Mr. Ebenezer Storer
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Mr. William Fairfield
Deacon Timothy Newell

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Mr. Timothy Fitch
Mr. Joseph Barrell
Mr. Joseph Foye. Constable

[7.] Ward Number Eight
The Honourable Royal Tyler Esq.
Coll°. Joseph Jackson
Joshua Winslow Esq.
Capt. Samuel Downe
Majr. Jonathan Payson
Mr. Thomas Leveret
Edmund Quincy Esq.
Mr. Nathaniel Thayer. Constable

Ward Number Nine
Melatiah Bourn Esq.
Majr. Jeremy Green
William Phillips Esq.
Thomas Daws Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
Capt. Onesips Tileston
Mr. Benjamin Clark. Constable

Ward Number Ten
Mr. Jonathan Mason
Samuel Sewall Esq.
Mr. John Mico Wendell
Capt. Jonathan Clark
Mr. William Torrey
Mr. Joseph Waldo
[8.] Ezekiel Lewis Esq.
Mr. Francis Salmon. Constable

Ward Number Eleven
Mr. Henderson Inches
John Hill Esq.
Mr. Samuel Adams
Mr. Nathaniel Gardner
John Rowe Esq.
Mr. John Gray
Mr. John Winslow
Mr. Edward Baker. Constable

Ward Number Twelve
John Avery Esq.
Samuel Wells Esq.
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Deacon Benjamin Church
Mr. Sampson Salter
Capt. Hopestill Foster
Mr. Samuel Demming
Deacon Thomas Foster
Mr. Hezekiah Usher. Constable —

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copys of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

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[9.] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Feby. 19 – 1766.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

There having been a General Walk or Visitation of the Town on the Yesterday, the Gentlemen that attended met and Reported the following Strangers they found in the Town — Viz^{t}.

Robert Durant, he lives at Joseph Sullivans in M^{r}. Emmons House back of Capt. Andrews.

Joseph Allen from Cambridge, has a Wife and Three Children, lives in a House near M^{r}. Jenkins the Baker.

One Hodges a Widow Woman from Cambridge, lives in a House at New Boston and has a number of Children, she is a bad Woman and in poor Circumstances.

One Sullyvan from Hallifax, who kept a Woman that has run off, he is now married and lives in a House of M^{r}. William Phillips in Corn Court — has been in Town about Three or four Months

Mary Roods a Stranger living at Susannah Morris's House in M^{r}. Henshaws New Buildings.

[10.] Joseph Steel from the Town of Abbington, who lives in a House of Samuel Wells Esq. at said Wells' Wharff he was Reported by M^{r}. Wells.

The Names of the aforementioned Persons were given into the Persons appointed to warn Strangers out of Town as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 24^{1}. 1766.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter was directed by John Ruddock and Samuel Sewall Esq. two of the Selectmen, and M^{r}. William Whitwell one of the Overseers to receive into the Almshouse, there to be supported at the charge of the Province John Adams a Stranger, and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, who is sick and has not wherewithall to subsist himself — (the Order was Dated Feby. 17.)

The following Letter was wrote the Selectmen of Cambridge

Boston, February 24 — 1766

Gentlemen

We have considered of your [11.] Request relative to Sarah Hodges and Children, and to oblige you we should readily suspend the execution of the Law by permitting them to continue with us though we should not be in the least served by it as a Town; but by the Report of the Overseers several Times and again since the last visitation the 13^{t} Instant, they have nothing to support themselves with, and are no way of busines to procure

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it in future unless it be in some indirect way, which may prove very detrimental to the Inhabitants.

You'l therefore please to excuse our returning her to you with her Children by Mr. Constable Clark; and shall transmit you on account of the charge if her transportation &c. as soon as we shall obtain it — We are —

Gentlemen

Your Most Humble Servants

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
Selectmen of Boston

To The Selectmen of Cambridge

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, February 26. 1766.
Present

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize [12.] of Bread at the Rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		7 -	14
Wheaten		11 -	13
Houshold		15 -	12
Two Penny White Loaf		15 -	12
Wheaten	1 -	7 -	10
Houshold	1 -	15 -	8
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	0 -	14
Houshold	6 -	10 -	5
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	13 -	12
Houshold	13 -	4 -	10
Four Penny Brick Loaf	1 -	12 -	8
Bisket of a Copper price		5 -	4
NB. A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheaten ¼ Rye meal, must weigh	2 -	9 -	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3 -	7 -	

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets and such as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grains and Proportion from the assize must be seized.

Capt. John Baker of Engine No. 1. appeared & presented [13.] William Brown, as a suitable Person, for an Engine Man in the room of Joshua Pico who has lately left his Compy. and said Brown was accordingly approved of by the Selectmen.

Mr. John Baker of Engine No. 1 — having represented to the Selectmen that his Tub Engine was large and his present Number to weak to manage her to advantage & therefore desiring that he might have two more men added to his Company, which will then consist of Twenty including himself.

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Voted, that said Master be permitted to inlist two more men into his Company, they being first presented to the Selectmen for their approbation

The Selectmen come to Settlement with Mr. Adams the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market on the 22d. of February Instant, whereby it appears that after deducting from the Sum he received of the Butchers & other Market People, his full Allowance, there is a Balance due to the Town of Ten Pounds sixteen Shillings and four Pence lawful Money for which he has given his promissary Note payable to the Town Treasurer

Mr. Abijah Adams Clerk of the Market attended at the Selectmens Chamber according to Order, and was directed by the Gentlemen the Selectmen to keep a particular Account [14.] Of the Moneys he shall hereafter Collect of the Country People and others who are allowed stands & places in the Inclosures of said Market Ground, and that he pay in the sums so Collected to the Town Treasurer Weekly, who is hereby empowered to allow and pay the said Clerk Twenty five p. Cent on the Sums so paid in, and the Treasurer is also to permit him to withhold, or to pay him out of said money Six Shillings lawful Money p. Week. on Account of his Salary as Clerk of the Market.

Jonathan Payson Esq. one of Collectors of Taxes for the year 1762 having produced Receipts from the Province County and Town Treasurers in full for the Taxes committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him for his Quarter part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the Taxes of 1762 — amounts. to £. 146-4-9¾

Jonathan Payson Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1763 having produced Receipts from that Province County and Town Treasurers in full for the Taxes committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay him One quarter part of that Premium on ye Tax Collected by the several Collectors for that year, the whole amounting p. the Assessors Account given in to £ 9888-10- which [15.] which at nine pence on the Pound makes ye Premium £. 370 .. 6/— One Quarter whereof being £.92-14/ when drawn for is in full for his part of the Premium allowed for Collecting the Taxes of 1763 —

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 3d. 1766.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Benjamin Austin Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Voted, that a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer to pay Mr. John Fenno Keeper of the Granary the Sum of Six pounds lawful Money, as a full consideration & allowance for his attendence at the Granary, while the same was repairing by the late Thomas Hancock Esq.

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At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 5 1766.

Present

Joshua Henshaw Esq.
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Hancock Esq.

Voted, that Mr. John Cade Sexton of the Revd. Mr. Andrew Elliots Church, have the care & charge of the North Burying Ground, in the room of Sexton Lenox lately deceased.

[16.] Captt. John Baker of Engine No. 1 appeared, & presented Messrs. John Ballard Junr. and John Bryant as suitable Persons for Engine Men, who were accordingly approved of by the Selectmen.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the tenth Day of March Current at Nine O'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Nominate and Choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing as Selectmen, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor Wardens, Firewards, Constables, and other Officers as the Law directs; To grant such Sums of Money and in such manner as may be Judged needful for the payment of the Schoolmasters, for the relief of the Poor, and defreying other necessary Charges; To receive the Reports of the Towns Committee on several affairs; To act upon the List of Jurors; To appoint a Committee to visit the Schools; To choose Auditors of the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor; To receive and examine the Accounts of the Granary; To determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes and on the Time the Assessors may set to make Abatements; To consider what is proper to be done [17.] Relative to Land near the South Market, the use of which was granted to Capt. Theophilus Frary, his Heirs &c. for seventy years from the year 1695 — which is now in the occupation of Mr. Robert Hewes; Of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants that some Measures may be taken for the more effectual regulating of Bakers Bread; Of a Proposal of the Overseers of the Poor, that the Towns Land northward of the Almshouse may be improved for the use of said House; of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for paving Beer Lane; Of John Child late Sealer of Leather, that he may be reimbursed by the Town the Charges incurred by sustaining several Suits at Law on Account of Shoes seized by him &c.; Of the Collectors of Taxes that the Town would reconsider their Vote of March last, and make them a further Allowance on account of the increased difficultys of Collecting the Taxes; Of the desire of a number of Inhabitants that some Agreement may be come into not to purchase any Lamb before a particular Time affixed by the Town; To Choose Jurors for April Court; And also Act upon such Matters & Things as stand referred over to said Meeting — Also requiring them to warn the

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Freeholders to meet at the same Time & place to give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds and Conveyances for the County of Suffolk.

Voted, that the Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Charles Chancey be desired to open the Town Meeting on Monday next with Prayer [**18.**] and that M^{r}. Sewall and M^{r}. Austin be a Committee to acquaint him therewith —

Voted, that Messrs. Green and Russell have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 12. 1766.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
John Hancock Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
M^{r}. Timothy Newell
John Rowe Esq.

M^{r}. Sewall and M^{r}. Rowe appointed to make enquiry into the Towns Right to some Land now improved by M^{r}. Robert Hewes.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 12. 1766.

Present
Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
M^{r}. Timothy Newell.
John Rowe Esq.

Passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Procters Keeper of the Almshouse [**19.**] His Province Account for support of Strangers amounting to Three hundred & five Pounds twelve Shillings & 4^{d}. and Twenty pounds, one Shilling & 2^{d}. as p. Copys on file and gave him a certificate accordingly.

M^{r}. Sewall & M^{r}. Phillips a Comm^{ee}. to compare D^{r}. Marshals Province Acco^{t}. for attendance on Strangers with M^{r}. Procters Almshouse Book.

Boston March 12 1765

We the Subscribers chosen into the Office of Sealers of Leather hereby acknowledge to have received of the Selectmen of Boston two Hammers each, which we promise to deliver up to them as soon as our Office expires — the Hammers are number'd, one of which are for Sole and one for upper Leather

2 Hammers N°. 1
William Stevenson — 2 Hammers —— 5

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Five Shillings and four Pence p. Bushel for Wheat, and Six Pence p. Bushel is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^{t}.

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		lb.	oz.	dr.
[20.]	Of Penny White Loaf.		7	14
	Wheaten		11	13
	Houshold		15	12
	Two Penny White Loaf		15	12
	Wheaten	1	7	10
	Houshold	1	15	8
	Six Peny Wheaten Loaf	4	6	14
	Houshold	6	10	5
	Twelve Peny Wheaten Loaf	8	13	12
	Houshold	13	4	10
	Four Peny Brick Loaf	1	12	8
	Bisket of a Copper price		5	4
NB.	A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread			
	¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh		2	9
	A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian		3	7

According to Law Allowance should be made for the drying of Biskets, and such Bread as is not well baked or that shall be made of different Grain and Proportion from the Assize must be seized.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, March 19, 1766.

Present

Joseph Jackson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Ruddock Esq.
[21.]. John Hancock Esq.
William Phillips Esq.
Mr. Timothy Newell
John Rowe Esq.

Voted that Mr. Hancock have the care of the Common for the present Year, and that he be desired to get Posts & Rails put down and placed where they are wanting, as also new Gates if it appears to him necessary.

Mr. John Shed informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Boarder, Ireah Holbrook, who came to this Town from Weymouth.

The Town having accepted at a late Meeting of the offer of Mr. John Green and Mr. David Wheeler, that their Fire Engine shall be in the service of the Town on all occasions by fire that may happen, upon Conditions as by the Vote of the Town referrence being thereunto had may more fully appear — whereupon —

Voted, that Mr. David Wheeler be and hereby is appointed Master of the said Fire Engine Named the Green Engine and is Number 10 and that his Company may consist of Fourteen men besides himself and that the Town Clerk give him his Order accordingly.

[22.] Mr. Jackson and Mr. Newall appointed a Committee to make enquiry into the state of Faneuil Hall Market.

Mr. Ruddock and Mr. Sewall appointed a Committee to examine into the Towns Right to Lands near the Alms house.

Mr. William Dennie returned to Coll°. Jackson the Key of the Store opposite the Golden Ball, which he lately hired of the Town.

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SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

BOOK 13.

[1.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 15 1766 — Present Henshaw Jackson Austin Sewall Ruddock.

Capt. Frankland of Engine N. 9 — applyd to the Selectmen for an addition of two Men to his Company, which will make the whole Number allowed before the late War. vizt. 17 (?) Men besides the Master.

Voted, that Capt. Frankland be permitted to inlist two Men more into his Comp^{y}. they being first presented to the Selectmen for their approbation.

Voted, that of Little Cambridge with her Children be carried out of Town by Constable Clark.

The following was sent the Assessors of the Town of Boston.

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the Business they do here, it being agreable to Law —

The Hon^{bl} James Russell Esqr.
M^{r}. John Soley
Ralph Inman Esqr.
M^{r}. Anthony Thomas
M^{r}. Joseph Palmer
M^{r}. Thomas Russell
M^{r}. Elisha Doone
Mess^{r}. Simon Whipple & Comp^{y}.
M^{r}. Timothy Folger
M^{r}. Joseph Roach
M^{r}. Christ^{o}. Hussey
M^{r}. Sylvanus Hussey

We are Gentlemen
Your Humble Servants
JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
} Selectmen of Boston

To the Assessors of the Town of Boston Decem^{r} 15. 1765

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[2.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 16. 1766 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Austin.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 22^{d} 1766 — Present Henshaw Jackson Austin, Hancock,

William Sutton Master of Engine N. 7 presented Thomas Bolter to the Selectmen as a proper Person for his Engine Company in the room of John Laughton who has left the Province.

Voted, that said Bolter be admitted accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 27. 1766 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock Winslow

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4^{d} p. Bushel and that 6^{d} p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood. A 4^{d} Loaf of brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh 2^{lb} 9^{oz}. A 4^{d}. ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal must weigh 3^{lb}. 7^{oz}. a Bisket of a Copper price 0^{lb}. 5^{oz}. 4^{dr}.

Mem^{o}. by an Account receved from M^{r}. Samuel Parker Merchant there is due to Joseph Rickets (a Person who died with Small Pox at Hospital at New Boston) from himself & Elisha Thatcher. L3 ,, 5 ,, 4$\frac{1}{4}$ Lawful.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen January 29th 1766 — Present Jackson.

M^{r}. Putnam Master of Engine N. 4 — applyd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. Smiths Dwelling House

Voted, that he have a premium for the same. drawn for —

M^{r}. William Sutton applyd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at M^{r}. John Boylstons Store.

M^{r}. Thomas Reed applyd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first on ye Fire at M^{r}. Stutsens Shop & at the late Fire at M^{r}. Boylstons Warehouse.

[3.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 30. 1766 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Sewall Ruddock Hancock Winslow.

Mem^{o}. the Selectmen have agreed with M^{r}. Eben^{z}. Peirpoint to make a back to the Wall upon the West side of the Neck of four Rod, and to find Stakes, for three Dollars.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6. 1766 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Austin Sewall, Hancock Winslow.

Capt. Curtis of Engine N. 8 — proposed John Crosby Junr. and Thomas Hinckley as Proper Persons for their Company.

Voted, that they be accepted accordingly.

The Selectmen having heard M^{r}. Read & and Sutton Masters of the Engines who put in for the premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engines at the late fire at M^{r}. Boylstons

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Warehouse and having also examined some Gentlemen who were early at the Fire the Premium was Adjudged to Thomas Reed it plainly appearing he worked his Engine first on said Fire.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 12. 1766 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Austin Sewall Hancock.

The Selectmen directed M^{r}. Willeston to warn the Justices to Meet the Selectmen at their Chamber on Fryday next 6 o'Clock Evening.

M^{r}. David Wheeler applyd to the Selectmen for liberty to build a Tomb at the New Burying place next to M^{r}. Thomas Troll.

Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 19. 1766 — Present Messrs. Henshaw Jackson Austin Hancock.

At a Meeting of the Justices Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor the 13th Instant a General Walk or Visitation of the Town was agreed upon to be on Tuesday the 18 Instant — the particulars on file.

[4.] M^{r}. Jonathan Jenkins Master of Engine N. 3 — presented to the Selectmen William Dorricut & Benjamin Galloop as proper Persons for his Engine Company in the room of Messrs. Webb Pearson & Abraham Putham who were accordingly approved of by them as Engine Men in this Comp^{y}.

Capt. Benjamin Eustis applyd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a drain across the Street in Still House Square, in order to clear the Water from his Cellar — liberty was given him accordingly provided that he makes good the Ground and Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24. 1766 — Present Henshaw Jackson Austin Sewall Ruddock Hancock.

M^{r}. Samuel Procter was directed by John Ruddock Esq & Samuel Sewall Esq two of the Selectmen, & M^{r}. William Whitwell one of the Overseers to receive into the Alms House on the Province Account one John Adams a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, who is sick and has not wherewithall to subsist himself. Feby. 17th.

Mem^{o}. to inform M^{r}. Whitwell when the land by Alms house reverts to the Town.

Boston February 24, 1766.

Gentlemen

We have considered of your request relative to Sarah Hodges and Children, and to oblige you we should readily suspend the Execution of the Law by permitting them to continue with us though we should not be in the least served by it as a town; but by the Report of the Overseers several times and again since the last Visitation the 13 Instant, they have nothing to support themselves with and are in no way of business to procure it in future unless it be in some indirect way which may prove very detrimental to the Inhabitants.

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Youl therefore please to excuse our returning her to you with her Children by Mr. Constable Clark, and shall transmit you an Accot. of the Charge of their transportation &c. as soon as we shall obtain it — We are

Gentlemen

Your Most Humble Servants

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
BENJAMIN AUSTIN
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
} Selectmen of Boston.

To the Selectmen of
Cambridge.

[5.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 26. 1766

Present

Ordered that the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4d p. Bushel and that 6d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, a 4d. Loaf of brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh 2lb. 9oz. — a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh 3lb. 7oz. — — a Bisket of a Copper price 5oz. 4dr.

Capt. Baker of Engine N. 1. proposed William Brown as an Engine Man in the room of Joshua Pico who has left the Company — Said Brown appeard and was approved by the Selectmen.

Capt. Baker of Engine N. 1. apply'd to the Selectmen for an addition of two Men to his Company which will make the whole number 19 beside himself —

Voted that Capt. Baker be permitted to Inlist two more Men into his Company, they being first presented to the Selectmen for their approbation.

By Settlement made with Mr. Abijah Adams Feby. 22d. of this Inst. there is a balance due to the Town of £10. 16. 4 lawful for which he has given his promissary Note to the Town Treasurer.

Mr. Adams the Clerk of the Market is directed to keep a particular Accot. of the Money he Collects out of the Market house from the Country Men who are allowed stands & places in the Inclosure of sd. Market and that he pay in the same Weekly to the Treasurer who is to allow and pay him 25 p. ct. for doing that Business; and to permit him to take Six Shillings lawful Money more p. Week on Account of his Salery as Clerk of the Market out of the Money by him Collected as aforesaid.

Jonathan Payson Esq. one of the Town Collecters for 1762. produced His Province County and Town Treasurers Receit for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for 1762 — The Town Clerk was directed to give him a Draft for his quarter part on the Town Treasurer amt. to £146. 4. 9¾.

Jonathan Payson Esq. one of the Town Collecters for 1763 having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receit for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for 1763. being by the Assessors Accot. £9888, 10 – ,, at 9d. on the Pound amounts to £370 ,, 16 — his Quarter part £92 ,, 14 —, for which a Draft was ordered on the Treasurer.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1766 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Austin Sewall, Hancock.

[6.] Ordered that John Fenno Master of the Granary have a Draft on the Treasury for £6 — as a consideration for his atendance at the Granary While it was repairing, by the late Thomas Hancock Esqr.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5. 1766 — Present Henshaw Jackson, Sewall Hancock.

Mr. John Carle Sexton of Mr. Elliots Church Appointed to take the Charge of the North Burying Ground in the room of Mr. Lenox deceased.

Capt. Baker of Engine N. 1 presented John Ballard Junr. & John Bryant as Engine Men for his Company, who were accordingly accepted.

Voted, that Messrs. Green & Russell have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meetings.

Mr. Sewall & Austin a Commee. to invite the Revd. Dr. Chaunc y to open the ensueing Town Meeting with Prayer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe

Mr. Sewall & Rowe appointed to make enquiry relative to the Land of the Town now improved by Mr. Robert Hews.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12, 1766 Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Phillips, Newell Rowe.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Procters Province Accounts amounting to £305 ,, 12. 4 — and £20–1–2d copys of which are on file.

Mr. Sewall & Mr. Phillips a Committee to examine Mr. Sam. Procters Book and Report whether they agree with Dr. Marshalls Accot.

Boston March 12. 1766.

We the Subscribers chosen into the office of Sealers of Leather hereby acknowledge to have received of the Selectmen of Boston two Hammers each, which we promise to deliver up to them as soon as our office Expires — the Hammers are numbered, one of which are for Sole and one for upper Leather.

2 Hammers N. 1
2 Hammers — 5
WILLIAM STEPHENSON

[7.] Ordered that the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4d. p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Baker for their Charges Pains & Livelihood. a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal Must weigh 2lb. 9oz. — a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh 3lbs. 7 — a Bisket of a Copper price lb 5oz. 4dw.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 19. 1766 Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe

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Mr. Hancock appointed to order Posts & Rails in the Common, and New Gates if necessary — and to the care of said Common.

Mr. John Reed acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into his house one Jireah Holbrook from Weymouth as a Boarder.

The Town having accepted at a late Town Meeting of the Offer of Mr. John Green & David Wheeler, that their Engine shall be in the service of the Town on all occasions by Fire that may happen, upon Conditions as by the Vote of the Town, referrence being there unto had, may more fully appear.

Voted, that Mr. David Wheeler be and hereby is Appointed Master of the said Fire Engine Named the Green Engine and is Number 10 — and that his Company may consist of fourteen Men besides himself and that the Town Clerk give him his Orders accordingly.

Dr. Marshall is to be desired to attend at the Selectmen Chamber next Wednesday on his Province Accounts.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Newell appointed a Committee to enquire into the State of the Market.

Mr. Ruddock and Sewall a Committee to examine into the Towns Right to Land near the Almshouse.

William Dennie returned to Coll°. Jackson the Keys of Store opposite the Golden Ball.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 26 1766. Present Messrs. Jackson Sewall Hancock Newell Rowe.

Mr. Jackson & Sewall appointed to examin into the Report of Coll°. Hills stopping the Barreck Board, & other Stuff, housed in his Still House some years past — to make report.

[8.] Mem°. of Stalls not let in Faneuil Hall Market —

Back Stall N. 4 —		Front Stall N. 7 —	
Ditto - - - 5 —		Mr. Bryant improves Stalls	
Ditto - - - 6		viz.	
Ditto - - - 17		Back Stall N. 17 —	Front Stall
Ditto - - - 21		18	N°. 15
		19	16

Complaint being made by a number of Inhabitants that the Chimnies of a House belonging to Mr. Samuel Gibbon, Situate in Newbury Street near *Liberty Tree* — and occupied by John Fenno Jr. are Insufficient and dangerous — Messrs Thomas Ethridge and Richd. Hunnewell were impower'd and desired to Survey the same & Report accordingly.

Passed upon Dr. Samuel Marshalls Province Accounts am° to £82. 15. 5 — Copy whereof is on File.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 31. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Hartleys Province Account for one years living on the Island from Jany. 22d. 1765 to Jany. 22d. 1766 — £13. 6./8. as p. Copy on File.

Ordered that the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/ 4d p. bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their

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Charges Pains and Livelihood. a 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat Rye Meal must weigh 2lb. 9oz. — a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh 3lb. 7oz. a Bisket of a Copper price — lb. 5oz. 4dr.

Mr. Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by John Ruddock & John Hancock Esqr. two of the Selectmen, to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account, one Robert Sandford being a Stranger, Sick, & not having wherewith to subsist himself.

David Wheeler Master of Engine N. 10 applyd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with their Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at a House of Mr. Wheelers in Pond Lane — whereupon Voted, that there be a draft for his Premium of 13 / 4 accordingly.

[9.] Passed upon sundry Tradesmen and other Accounts for which Drafts are ordered.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 2d 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips.

Collo Jackson & Mr Newell a Committee to take care of Faneuil Hall Market Doors.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 9th. 1766 — Present Jackson, Ruddock — Hancock Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Mr. John Mellidge informs the Selectmen that he has taken into his Family John Lopus a Journey Man, Blacksmith from Cambridge.

Mr. Hancock desired of the Selectmen the use of Faneuil Hall for the Cadet Company to exercise in, which was granted.

Collo. Jackson desired the Selectmen to grant the Antient & Honbl. the Artillery Company the use of Faneuil Hall on Fryday next which was granted accordingly.

Mr. Ruddock appointed to order necessary Repairs to the Fence of the North Burying Ground.

Capt. Frankland of Engine N. 9. presented one Benjamin Blake as a suitable Person for an Engine Man where upon Voted that he be accepted accordingly.

Mr. Gideon Gardner who Leased the Bull Pasture on the Neck — House &c proposed hiring it for one Year from the of March being the Time on which the Lease expired & the same terms and it was agreed to accordingly.

Deacon Newell appointed to Order & direct as the further Repair of Pavement & laying Gravel on Pembertons Hill.

Mr. Jackson, & Hancock — a Committee.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14. 1766 — Present Jackson Ruddock Hancock Phillips Newall, Rowe.

A Letter from the Sons of Liberty relative to the repast of the Stamp Act was read.

[10.] Whereupon Voted that the following Advertizment be sent to all the Printers —

The Selectmen ———

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Mem°. to consider the Services of Mr. Gridley Otis & Adams Council for the Town — Towns Ladders to be examined & placed And to agree upon a Time for the May Meeting.

Capt. Ruddock is desired to order the Fences round the North School, to be repaired, which were damaged at ye late Fire.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16. 1766 — Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Newell Phillips Rowe.

Mr. John Phillebrown approved of as a Retailer at his Distill House at South End lately improved by Mr. Fairservice.

It is agreed between the Selectmen & Samuel & Ebenezer Pratt to Lease Deer Island for a term of Seven Years at the rate of £40 — p. Annum, and in case the Pratts find they cannot afford that price, they have liberty to give up the Lease by December 1st this same Year — And they agree to inform of all Persons who shall take off Ballast upon the Island that they may be prosecuted; to be a condition in the Lease.

It is agreed with Mr. Gardner to Lease the Houses & Land on the Neck to him the coming Year at Sixty pounds p. Annum, he to be allowed [11.] Five Pounds for making good the Fences as they were the last Year. —

Mem°. to insert in the Lease all to be delivered up in good order except what the Sea shall carry off.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 18. 1776 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Ruddock, Sewall Newell Hancock Rowe.

Voted, that there be a Meeting of the Town on Monday next at 9 O Clock Forenoon, and that the Clerck issue his Werrant to the Constable accordingly.

Voted that Edes and Gill have the printing of the Notyfication for the insuing Town Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 23d. 1766 — Present Jackson, Hancock Phillips Newell.

Mr. John Holland apply'd to the Selectmen for their assistance or advise relative to a Wooden Building of 40 foot in length which Mr. Oliver Wiswell is Erecting on the back side of his House for a Stable.

Mr. Hartley apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to grove his Boat.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to publish in the Thursday Paper the Vote of the Town relative to throwing Fire-works; Bonfires &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Hancock Rowe Newell.

Ordered, That the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat 5/4d. p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood. a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh 2lbs. 9oz. 0dr. a 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh 3lbs. 7oz. 0dr. a Bisket of a Copper price 0lbs. 5oz. 4dr.

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Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant calling a Town Meeting on Tuesday the 6 Day of May Current —

Voted that Mr. Ruddock & Collo. Jackson — be a Commee. to wait upon the Revd. Mr. Pemberton — to desire him to open the ensuing Town Meeting with Prayer.

Voted that Messrs. Kneeland & Adams have the Printing of ye Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting.

[12.] Capt. Curtis of Engine N. 8. applyd to the Selectmen for two Men in addition to his Company which will then with himself consist of fifteen Men.

Mr. Hancock & Mr. Newell a Committee to order the Repairs of the Draw Bridge.

Mr. Hancóck desired to see the Vote of the Town comply'd with in respect to securing the Powder House.

The Lane commonly called Pudden Lane having been enlarged since ye late Fire into a Street, is now Named by the Selectmen Devonshire Street in honor to that Gentleman who is a Merct. of Bristol and generously gave £100 — Ster. to the Sufferers by the late Fire.

Mr. Ruddock & Rowe a Committee to view Mr. Hartleys Boat and Order such Repairs as may be necessary.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7. 1766 — Present Messrs. Jackson Sewall Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Boston May 7. 1766.

Gentlemen

Agreeable to the desire of Deacon Taply, we now acquaint you that if you see fit to send Mrs. Lee to our Almshouse, she will be received by Mr. Procter who keeps the same.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER, Town Clk.

To the Selectmen of Dorchester.

Mr. Sewall desired to wait upon the Gentlemen Council for the Town in support of the Towns Memorial relative to Opening the Courts of Justice &c — in order to discourse them relative to ye pay.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 8. 1766 —

Mr. John Gray applied by Mr. Daws for leave to open a Drain in Atkinson Street.

Leave was granted Him to open said Drain provided they lay down the Street & repair it to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 26. 1766.

[13.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen May 14. 1766 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall —— Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

Mr. Gilbert Deblois informed the Selectmen that he had taken into His House a young Woman by name ——— from Salem at been with Him about 14 Days Mr. Love was ordered to warn her out.

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Co^{ll}. Jackson & M^{r}. Sewall appointed a Committee to Engage Council & to See the affairs relative to M^{rs}. Choat carried thro' the Court.

M^{r}. Cooper is Desired to Compleat the Index to all the Town Records — Delivered the precept for choosing Represen^{tives} to M^{r}. Constable Barbour in order to be returned.

M^{r}. Obadiah Curtis presented two men to the Selectmen for their approbation of them as two additional Hands for the working & tending His Engine N^{o}. Eight The Selectment approved of them — Their Names were William Curtis & Joseph Ford.

M^{r}. John Brown presented two Men to the Selectmen for their approbation as two additional hands for the Working and tending his Engine N°. 6 — The selectmen approved of them their Names are Israel Loring & John Bacon —

M^{r}. Abiah Holbrook Mas^{r}. of South Writing School applied to the Selectmen to have a Draft for Supply of Ink agreeable to the Vote of the Town for Eight years past, it not having been drawn for since May 1758. to be Consider'd next Draft Day.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16th 1766 — Present Col. Joseph Jackson Saml. Sewall W^{m}. Phillips & Timothy Newel.

Capt^{a}. James, whose negroe was sent to the Hospital at New Boston Augt. 20th. 1764, came to the Selectmen's Chamber at their request, and paid the Charge the Town was at for said Negroe his having the Small pox there.

Joseph Foye keeper said Hospital His Acco^{t}.

as p. said Acco^{t}. on File for Boarding Nursing &c	£7. 17. 3
abated sd James	1. 14.11
	6. 2. 4
D^{r}. Whitworth His Acco^{t}. as p. sd Acco^{t}. on File	1. 16. 4
	7. 18. 8

The above Acco^{ts}. are filed wth. Acco^{ts}. & papers relative to the Small pox 1764.

Rec^{d}. and Receipt given p. S. Sewall.

[**14.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16, 1766 P.M. Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Newel, Rowe.

Capt^{a}. Coffin arriving from London with the agreeable News that the Act repealing the Stamp Act had passed and finding that the said Intelligence was well founded as it appeared by the publick papers that His Majesty had signed the said Act the eighteenth of March last.

Voted That Monday next, the 19th Instant, be the Day of General rejoicing and that the Inhabitants be notified thereof in Compliance with the Vote of the Town passed at the Town Meeting April 21st. last.

Accordingly The Votes of the Town relating thereto were ordered to be published by Messrs. Drapers with a Notification annext thereto in the following Words.

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The Selectmen, having received certain Intelligence, that the Act, repealing the Stamp Act, has past all the requisite formalities, congratulate the Inhabitants of the Town on the joyfull news; and appoint, Monday next the 19th Instant, for the Day of General rejoicing, in Compliance with the Foregoing Votes, recommending to all persons a due & punctual observance of the Salutary regulations enjoined therein.

Mr. Williston was ordered to notify all the Sextons in Town to begin ringing their several Bells at five a Clock in the Morning to continue till six a Clock in the Evening.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21. 1766 Present Jackson Sewall ——— Phillips Newell Hancock.

The Selectmen agreed with Mr. Adams Knox to supply the Town with what Stones & Gravel may be wanted for paving the Ground at the South side & East End of the Market, the former at 3/ p. yr. or 2/6 if taken from Deer Island — the latter at £8 — p. Boat Load, the Smaller Boat Load, at £7 — all old tenor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 21. 1766. Present Sewall Phillips Newell Rowe.

[15.] Ordered, that the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat 5/ p. bush: and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood — a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh lb. oz. a 4d. do. not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh lb. oz. a Bisket of a Copper price lb. oz. d.

Mr. Jackson & Newell appointed to order the Pavement round the Market repaired.

This Day agreed with John Lewis of Roxbury for Gravel for the Neck at 13\6 O.T. p. Load for about 30 Load of Gravel and if he cannot afford to bring what further may be wanted for the Neck then to allow 15\ O.T. p. Load for all he may bring from Roxbury Hill.

Agreed with Mr. Cunningham to clean Faneuil Hall Windows at 1\ p. Window.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30th. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall Phillips Newell Rowe.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Treasury for Twenty Pounds on Account.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 11th. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newell Hancock.

Mr. Rowe appointed to order repairs to the Street leading to Dr. Byles's House.

Capt. Sharp Master of Engine N. 2 applyd to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town for playing first with his Engine at the fire which lately broke out at the Revd Mr. Checkleys North End — And a draft was ordered for the same.

Voted, that the Assize of Bread be altered and that the Assize be now set at Wheat at 5\2d. p. Bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood a 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal

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	lb.	oz.	dr.
must weigh	2 "	10 "	10 "
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal Must weigh	3 "	9 "	8 "
a Bisket of a Copper price.		5 "	7 "

Voted, that the Visitation of the Schools be attended on Wednesday the 25th. of June Instt. see Papers on file.

[16.] Captt. Baker of Engine N. 1. apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town to his Company, for playing first with his Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Halls House near the Lighthouse Tavern.

Voted that he have a Draft for the same.

Mr. Phillips and Newell a Committee to direct the proper Repairs for the Neck.

Order was this Day issued to Tobias & Scepio (late Captt. Fayerweathers) Free Negros, to work on the High Way before the Market, four Days each, there being several Years duty due from them.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18th. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newall.

Voted, that the doors at the East end of the Market be opened untill the further Orders of the Selectmen.

Mr. Seth Webber informs the Selectmen that Captts. Freeman with his wife is come to live in this Town and has hired a House in Middle Street.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 30th. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell.

Captt. Baker of Engine N. 1. apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town to his Company for bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire which broke out at Dr. Clarks Barn. North End.

Voted, that he have a draft for 13/4 next Draft Day.

Ordered, that the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/2d. p. Bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood — a 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh 2 lb. 10 oz. 10 dr. — a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal do. 3 lb. 9 oz. 8 dr. a Bisket of a Copper price — 5 oz. 7 dr.

Mr. Benjamin Austin has received into his Family one Alexander Perry a Servant last from Gardners on the Neck.

[17.] Captt. Frankland of Engine N. 9 presented Thomas Hunstable as a proper Person for their Engine Company who was accordingly approved by the Selectmen.

Mess. Sewall Phillips & Collo. Jackson appointed to view Leverets Lane & Mr. Daltons Fence and to Report to ye Selectmen.

Mr. Samuel Holland approbated as a Retailer.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1766 A.M. — Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newell.

Mr. William Gray in behalf of his Father in Law Captt. Hall apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty, to open a Drain from his House in Cold Lane.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1766 P. M. Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Ruddock Newell.

Voted that John Hutchinson have a draft of Eight pounds on Account of Paving work done for the Town.

Complaint being made to the Selectmen that the Chimnies of a House in Prince Street occupied by one Brown are insufficient and dangerous — Messrs. John Brown & Benjs. Richardson were impow'd & desired to survey the same and Report their Opinion.

Capt. Brown of Engine N. 6. apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for their Companys bringing their Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Pollards House New Boston.

Voted, that he have a draft of 13/4 for the same, in the Draft not given in.

Boston Ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 4. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Phillips Newel

The Selectmen Having recd. a Warrant from Foster Hutchinson Esqr. Judge of probate directing them to make inquisition into the Circumstances of Mary Brightman and report to Him whether the sd. Mary is a person non Compos and incapable of taking care either of her person or Estate dated June 13: 1766.

Returned on the Back thereof.

Boston July 3, 1766.

In compliance with His Honour's Warrant, on the other side directing us thereto, we have visited and enquired into the Circumstances of Mary Brightman, and find her to be [18.] incapable of taking Care either of Her person or Estate

JOS. JACKSON
S. SEWALL
WM. PHILLIPS
TIMO. NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9. 1766 — Present — Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Phillips Newell.

Mr. Crafts applied for leave to Frame the New Goal near Mt. Holbrook School.

Voted on Condition he does not incumber the Road.

Mr. William Hunt in behalf of the Gentn. Mill Owners was present with the Selectmen & made Acquainted with the Scituation of the Draw Bridge, & that there was a Necessity of an immediate Repair, & the Selectmen Desir'd Mr. Hunt to order immediately all Necessary Repairs to be made & put it in a proper State of Safety, & that the expence is to be Born by the Gentn. Mill Owners, as p. Contract. Mr. Hunt agreed.

Voted that Mr. Hancock & Mr. Phillips be a Committee to Confer with the Gentn. Overseers with Respect to opening a Drain into the Common to Discharge the Almshouse Vaults, Mr. Dolbeare in behalf of the overseers having applied to the Selectmen for that purpose.

Mr. Hancock is Desir'd to Confer with the Hon'l. Mr. Tyler respect'g. the French Neutrals, and obtain a List of them & Deliver it to Mr. Goldthwait to See if they are Warn'd out.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 23d. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Hancock and Phillips a Committee to order Repairs at the South Gramar School and Mr. Lovels Dwelling House.

Mr. John Fleet acquaints the Selectmen that he had received into his Family Abigail McDaniel, Daughter of John McDaniel of Dorchester.

The Town Warehouse near the Golden Ball was let by Mr. Rowe & Jackson to Mr. Lewis Genneste 24th of June 1766 when the Keys were delivered.

[19.] Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28th. 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips Newell.

Ordered, that the Assise of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/2d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

	lb	oz	dr
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye meal must weigh	2–	10–	10
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal — do. - - - - - -	3–	9–	8
A Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - -	"	5–	7

The Committee appointed to survey Mr. Browns Chimnies Reported, that they found them insufficient and very dangerous to the whole Neighbourhood.

The Copy of said warrant for the survey is as follows.

Messrs. Benjamin Richardson & John Brown —

Complaint being made to us the Chimnies of a House in Prince Street occupied by Brown are insufficient and dangerous — We do desire and impower you to survey the same and Report to us your Judgement concerning them

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
WILL PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston.

Boston July 2d. 1766 —

In consequence of the above Return it was Voted that the following Order be sent Mr. Brown.

Boston July 28th. 1766.

Mr. Brown

Upon Complaint made by a number of ye Inhabitants of the Town of defects in the Chimnies of the House occupied by yourself; We issued our Warrant for a Survey, a Copy of the Return of said Warrant you have above Agreeable to the Direction of the Law in that case made and provided, we hereby warn you not make any Fire in said Chimnies till the defects are cured either by amending repairing or rebuilding said Chimnies as you would avoid the penalty of said Law

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

[20.] Mr. Timo. Newel is desired to take care that all those Breaches in the pavement of the Main Street from the Conduit to the fortification are filled up & paved.

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Voted, that the side of the South Grammar School next to Mr. Boylstons be Slated. and Mr. Phillips and Hancock a Commee. to direct in the Business, and to order such Repairs at Mr. Lovels Dwelling House as they may Judge proper.

Voted, that John Hutchinson have a draft on the Treasury for £20 — on Accot. of Paving Work done for the Town — (Memo. he had a draft for £8 — July 2d.)

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen July 30th. 1766 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell, Rowe, Ruddock.

Passed upon Joseph Nowells Province Account amounting in the whole to £27 . 4 . 3½ — as p. Copy thereof on File.

Colo. Jackson is desired to speak to Mr. Adams that Mr. Ruggles remove his Beef Stall from the North West Corner of the Market unless he will bring the Hides and comply in the same manner as the Stalls do which are within Doors.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 6. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Phillips, Newell.

Mr. Joseph Ballard acquaints the Selectmen that he has recd. into his House at South End the Revd Mr. Carnes & Family from Rehoboth.

Voted that the Committee to order repairs to Mr. Lovels School and his House be desired to direct a Wood House to be built.

Mr. Brimmer attended & acquainted the Selectmen that with their leave he would break Ground to clear a Drain near his House. Liberty was accordingly granted, he to make good the Pavement & to the liking of the Selectmen.

See the other side Licenses.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13th. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Newel.

[21.] The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons licensed the last year to sell Strong Drink both as Inholders and Retailers within this Town, and made return thereon to the Court of Sessions the last Month — And have also at several Meetings considered the Petitions for Licenses for the Year ensuing, and the following Persons were approved and recommended — Vizt.

Inholders.	
Sarah Warden - - - -	Bromfields Lane
Isaac Ridgway - - - -	Dock Square
Retailers.	
James Thompson - - -	At his Distill House, Auchmutys Lane
Samuel Holland - - - -	Near Winnisimet Ferry
Susannah Haskins - - -	Battery March
Joseph Candish - - - -	Adjoining Mr. Elliots Church
Enoch Brown - - - -	Boston Neck
Urial Ray - - - - -	At the Head of Majr. Nobles
" " - - - - -	Wharf.
Hopestill Foster - - -	South part of Boston
Mehettable Avery - - -	Fish Street.

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The following Persons Petitioned for Licenses & were disappro^{d}. Viz^{t}.

Hannah Shellcock	John Maverick
John Carnes	John McDaniel
John Moore	Jane Savel
Elizabeth Foster	Hannah Kent
Dorothy Turner	Eunice Crouch
Thomas Hayes	Isaac Luke
McCloud	Elizabeth McElroy
Thomas Allen.	Hezekiah Cooley
Thomas Britt.	Agnes Gorden
Mary Corvell	Ann Stamp
William Pierce	Casper York
John Stibbins	Abigail Saunders
Samuel Jorden	Mary Salmon
Rebecca Balsch	Francis Salmon
Mary Ready	Robert Love
Joseph Blake	Elizabeth Trevoy
Seth Davis	Henry Alline
Andrew Symms	

[22.] A Small strip of Land, opposite & joining to Joseph Nouel Boat Builders Yard in Lynn Street, about ten Feet, being in such condition as renders it necessary to pave it. He the said Nouel offered to pave one half provided the Town would pave the other part.

Voted That the Selectmen will comply with the said proposal and that Captn Ruddock be appointed & desired to see the same carried into Execution.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 20. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

M^{r}. Sampson Salter one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1764 — having produced this Province County & Town Treasurers Receipts in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of £109 ,, 18 – 0½ being his Quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the four Collectors Collecting the Tax of 1764 — as p. a Certeficate received from the Assessors on File.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford Island, attended, and having made it appear that a Cable was wanting for his Boat and some small Cordage — he was directed to apply to M^{r}. Hancock for the same.

The Representatives of the Town this Day acquainted the Selectmen that before the late Prorogation of the General Court; it was the sense of the House that the several Representatives, should consult thier Constituents relative to a Reimburstments being made the Lieu^{t} Governor & others for the damage and losses sustain'd by the Violences of a Mob; & this before the Meeting of the Court — they could not say that the Assembly would meet, untill a further Prorogation but supposed that this would be known in a few Days, and then left this Matter with the Selectmen to act upon it as they should Judge proper.

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[23.] The Selectmen have agreed to visit Deer Island next Thursday, Seven night and Mr. Hartley was ordered to come up with his Boat on the Wednesday Evening preceeding.

Mr. Samuel Hartley has handed in to the Selectmen a Memo. of the Beds Bedding &c. now under his care in the Hospital at Rainsfords Island — which is as follows — Memo. on file.

2 Feather Beds	27 Bed Sacks
2 Flock Beds	7 Pillar Cases
30 Mill Blankets	16 Old Bed Rugs
4 White Ditto	16 Bolster Cases

Collo. Jackson and Mr. Newell appointed a Committee to order such Repairs to the Warehouse improved by the Honbl. Thomas Hubbard Esq. as they may think proper.

Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles for himself and John Shirley, and Mr. James Bryant who hold Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, together with Mess: Calfs, Torrey, Lush and Bass Tanners, attended, when it was agreed between them that the Hydes of all the Beef that shall be brought into the Market from this Day to the 20th. of October next shall be delivered the Tanners at 18d. O.T. p. Pound, they paying the Butchers for bringing the same 5/ O.T. and a Premium of 10/. O.T. p. Hyde — Memo. Mr. Ruggles promised that the Hydes of the Beef brought to the Stall without the Market, are to be delivered also at the above Rates.

Upon a Motion made by the Gentlemen Firewards — Voted, that the Town Ladders be committed to their Care, they to order such Repairs and painting as they may think proper; and to attest the several Accounts of the Charge thereof as they shall be brought in to the Selectmen And also to dispose of them in such parts of the Town as they may think most convenient; acquainting the Selectmen of such disposition.

Mr. Hudson appeared, and proposed to the Selectmen, the keeping ye Ground round the Market clean and free from filth, provided he has the Privilege of taking the Dung and Dirt; which is accordingly permitted him untill the 1st of Septemr. next.

[24.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 25th. 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Newell.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/ p. Bushel and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

	lb	oz	dr
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	12	4
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian	3	12	
a Bisket of a Copper price	5	10	

Messrs. Henshaw and Austin former Selectmen and a Committee Appointed the last January to settle with Thomas Hubbard Esqr. the Rent of his Shop or Warehouse since the expiration of his Lease, having Reported that they had agreed with him that from the expiration of his Lease for said Warehouse to the 12 of January 1766 being two Years he should allow £175 — p. Annum O.T. — and proposing that he have a new Lease for said Premisses for five Years commencing the 12t. of January and to expire the

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12th. of January 1771 — he allowing £200 — p. Annum — The Shop to be put in good therough Repair at the Cost of the Town, and then to be kept and delivered in the like good Repair by the said Mr. Hubbard, Fires Common wear and extraordinary Casualties excepted, at the expiration of said Lease.

Voted, that the Selectmen agreed to the above Report, and that the Town Clerk be directed to prepare Leases accordingly.

Passed upon Thomas Willistons Province Account amo. to £4. 6. 4½ — as p. Accot of particulars on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen August 27. 1766 — Present

Mr. John Kneeland acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into his Family as a Maid one Mary Ann Jones, last from Roxbury.

Mr. Mullins having apply'd for Repairs to his House Collo. Jackson & Mr. Newell are appointed to order such, as shall be thought necessary.

Mr. John Downes appointed by the Sessions a Measurer of Grain &c. in this port apply'd for Scales but as they had before [25.] Recommended three Persons to the Sessions as suitable & sufficient for that trust who were accordingly appointed & supply'd by the Selectmen with Measures & Seales, decline Mr. Downes request.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 3. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock, Phillips Newall.

Mr. Atkins applied for Liberty to open a Drain in Black Horse Lane, wch was Granted upon Condition he repair the Pavemt, & put it in good order.

Mr. Benja. Bourk applied for Liberty to open a Drain in Ship Street, wch was granted upon Condition he repair the Pavemt & put it in good order.

Mr. John Lewis waited on the Selectmen to know their mind respects. his bringing Gravel on the Neck, when the Selectmen agreed with him to bring what Gravell is necessary for the Repairs of the Neck he to be Allow'd 15/, old Tenor for each Load.

Sept. 6th. At a Meeting of the Selectmen present Messrs. Sewall Hancock, Newel.

Capta. Robt. Ball informed the Selectmen that, a Snow from Londo., Capt. Marshal, has the Small pox on board, and is brought too off Rainsfords Island: But, can give no particular account, how it is with them on board.

The following Letters were sent down.

Boston, Sept. 6, 1766.

Capta. Marshal

Sir

We are informed, that you have the small pox on board your Vesel, therefore, we order, according to a Law impowering us so to do, that you do not suffer any persons, Passengers or others, to go over the Side of your Vessel untill you are permitted

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by us so to do. Mr. Hartley, who has the Care of the Hospital will come on board you, and by Him you must send up, such an Account of the Circumstances of that Distemper on board as you can swear to — How many are sick — How many you have lost or How many have recovered &c as Mr. Hartly can particularise to you.

Yours

S. SEWALL
JNO. HANCOCK
TIMO. NEWELL.

[26.] Boston Sept. 6. 1766.

Mr. Hartley

We have just now recd. advice that Captn. Marshall in a Snow from London is come too off your Island with the Small pox on board you are hereby directed to obtain of the Captain a particular State of the matter and immediately come up to Boston and acquaint us with it that we may give the necessary Directions.

Your Hum Servts

Selectmen of Boston.

SAML. SEWALL
JNO. HANCOCK
TIMO. NEWELL

Sept 7th At a Meeting of the Selectment [*sic*] present Messrs. Sewall Hancock Newell Rowe.

Mr. Hartley came up from the Hospital below & brought a Letter from Captn. Wm. Marshal of the Snow Holyoke from London informing the Selectmen that He left Graves End the 1st of June soon after he came away two of His people were taken with the Small pox and he put them on shore at Portsmouth taking two others in their stead. Soon after he left the Land His second mate was taken with it in the Steerage the 9th of June and dyed July 24. Two Children were afterward with it who both got well of it. They were shifted from the Steerage forward to Stop the Infection. The 12th August another person was taken with it and He has been well enough to get upon Deck this Week There is no other person to have it on board but Himself the said Captain as he does not really know whether he has had it or not He further saith they have very little on board between Decks except four Tons of Hemp.

Cabbin Passengers.

Mr. James Neven Collector of Piscataqua.
Captn. James Brett of Boston
Captn. Samuel Green Do.
Captn. Thomas Tyler of Londo.
Mr. George Ryder Do.

[27.] The foregoing Circumstances of the Snow Holyoke being considered,

Voted that the Passengers must go on Shore to the Well House on Rainsford Island to air & shift themselves, and wait our further Orders.

Voted that all the Goods between Decks be taken on Shore at

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s^d Island to be aired and cleansed — and that the Vessel be thorowly smoaked aired & cleansed and that M^r. Hartley come up for our further Orders when the above are complied with.

Accordingly the following Orders were given to M^r. Hartley

M^r. Saml. Hartley

Sir

According to the Circumstances of the Small pox on board the Snow Holyoke Captn. W^m. Marshal, we apprehend it necessary to order and do Order you.

That, you do not suffer, any of the Passengers or People now on board the said Snow, to come over the side of the Vesel or go on shore any where but to Rainsford Island.

The Passengers must go on shore to the well House on said Island to shift and air themselves, and there wait our further Orders.

All the Goods from between Decks are to be taken on Shore and the peoples Chests to be aired smoaked and cleansed. The Vessel you must smoake wash air and cleanse thorowly.

The Captain who does not know whether he has had the Small pox must be taken peculiar care of and as soon as he has any certain appearance upon Him of said Distemper you are to inform us.

When you have complied with the above orders you must come up to us for further Orders & Directions as Circumstances may require.

You are to Smoak the Letters well & deliver them to M^r. Green

Your Friends &c

S. SEWALL
JN^o. HANCOCK
TIM^o. NEWELL
JN^o. ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston.

N. B. You have no right [*to*] order the Goods on shore, or the people, in a peremptory manner, nor is anything in the above intended to justify you therein: But unless they, with their own consent, submit to go on shore and agree to send the Goods on shore neither themselves the Goods or Vessel can be permitted to come up

S. SEWALL.

[28.] Sept8 th, 1766. Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen present Mess. S. Sewall, Jno. Ruddock, Jno. Hancock, Jno. Rowe.

It being represented to the Selectmen that the passengers were very earnest to come up the following Order was given to M^r. Hartley

Monday Septr. 8. 1766.

M^r. Samuel Hartley.

You may Let the Five Cabbin Passengers come up when they have shifted their Cloaths & are well aired and cleansed You may also bring up the Bag of Letters let them be well smoaked & deliver them to Barth^o: Green.

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The Trunks and Baggage belonging to these Five Cabin passengers must be well aired before they can be brought & this must be done on shore.

S. SEWALL
J. RUDDOCK
J. HANCOCK
JN°. ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 10. 1756. Present Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell, —

M^r. John Grant one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Years 1763 & 1764 — having produced the Province County and Town Treasures Receipts in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for those Years.

Voted, that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of £92 ,, 14/. being his quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1763. and also for the sum of £109 ,, 18 ,, 0½ being his quarter part of the Premium for the Year 1764 — given in ye Augt. draft — M^r. Treasurers Mem°. of file.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Treasurer in the Draft for August not yet given in for £25.

It being represented to the Selectmen that Capt. Neven the Collecter of Piscataqua, who came Passenger in Capt. Marshall [29.] from London, had kept the State room when the Small Pox appeared on board, & suffered no one of the Company to come to him — as also that his Cloathing and Baggage, had been carefully aird & cleansed.

Voted that he have liberty to take off from Rainsfords Island the said Cloathing &^c. and that Orders be given M^r. Hartley accordingly.

M^r. Neven attended, and pray'd the Selectmen to permit one William Ferryman a young Lad on board Capt. Marshall to come up to Town with his Clothing

Boston September 10. 1766.

M^r. Samuel Hartley —

Sir

It being represented to us that M^r. Neven the Collector of Piscataqua kept his Cloathing &^c. in the State Room, and suffered no one Person to come near to him, after the Small Pox appeared in Capt. Marshalls Vessell — You are permitted to allow that Gentleman to take said Clothing &^c. being first satisfied that they have been sufficiently aird & cleansed — And as soon as William Ferryman a Young Lad and the Cloaths &c. he had on board are well smoked and aired you may suffer him to leave the Island with his Clothing &^c. you being first satisfied for the Charge and Expence incurred by them while on the Island.

SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston.

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P. S. If any of the Steerage Passengers excepting the Women & Children are well smoaked you may suffer them to come up.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Procters Province Accounts amounting to the Sums of £260 ,, 9 ,, 8¼ — & £17 ,, 1 ,, 5 — as p. Copys on file.

Mr. Hartley has liberty to take down to Capt. Marshalls Ship two Labourers vizt. John Flanngan & Thomas Terrey but not to suffer them to return to Town untill they are well smoked and cleansed.

[30.] A number of the Bakers attended, and having represented to the Selectmen that the price of Flour was higher than when the last Assize was set — It was Voted.

That the Assize of Bread be now altered, and that the same be now set at Wheat at 5/2 p. Bushel, and that 6d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2.	10.	10.
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	3.	9.	8.
A Bisket of a Copper price	"	5.	7.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Select Men Septr. 15. 1766 Present Sewall Hancock Phillips Newell

Mr. Robt. McCurdy Masr. of the Brige. Willm. arriv'd from Ireland Reports that he left Ireland nine Weeks past, that while he lay in Ireland, three of his passengers were Taken down with the Small Pox one of wch Died, the others Recover'd, & that no one person on board has had the Distemper since & it is now Six Weeks since any one has had it.

Voted to order Capt. McCurdy down to Rainsfords Island, & he was accordingly order'd down this Night, & he promis'd to Comply.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 16, 1766 — Present Sewall Hnacock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Mr. Hartley attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that the Snow Holyoke Capt. Marshall from London, which had the Small Pox on board, has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed and that he is of opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, as those Articles which came in her & were liable to retain Infection have been landed on the Island.

Voted, that Capt. Marshalls Ship may be permitted to come up to Town and that Orders be given Mr. Hartley accordingly — as also that a Certificate be given his Excellency — See next Page.

Voted that Orders be given Mr. Hartley for the smoking and cleansing of the Briggn. William Capt. McCurdy from Ireland which is stopt at Rainsfords Island on accot. of Small Pox [31.] As also for his receiving on the Island out of the Vessell all such things as may be liable to retaing. Infection — and the Passengers and their Baggage &c.

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Boston Septem^{r}. 16th. 1766.

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us, that the Snow Holyoke Capt. Marshall from London stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and may in your Opinion come up to Town without danger of communicating the Infection — Our Orders are that said Vessell be permitted to leave your Island and come up to Town as soon as the Concerned think proper.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston September 16th. 1766

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

The Brigg^{n}. William Capt. McCurdy from Ireland having been stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox. Our Orders are that you receive the Passengers and all their Clothing &^{c}. on shore, as also all such Articles in the Vessell as may be liable to retain Infection, which you are to smoke and cleanse as as well as the Brigg^{n}. — and Report to us your proceedings — You cannot be too careful in executing our directions.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

May it please your Excellency

The Snow Holyoke Capt. W^{m}. Marshall from London which was stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox, having been sufficiently smoked and cleansed we are of Opinion said Vessell may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper — We are

Your Excell^{y}. Most Obed^{t}. Hum. Ser^{t}.

SAM: SEWALL
JOHN HANCOCK
WILL: PHILLIPS,
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Septem^{r}. 16. 1766
His Excell^{y}.
Francis Bernard Esq.

[32.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 17th. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Hancock Newell, Rowe.

M^{r}. William Pope from Burmudus, who professes himself a Teacher of Dancing and Fencing, attended, and beg'd leave of the Selectmen to keep a School in this Town for the instruction of Youth in those Sciences.

Voted that the Assize of Bread be altered, as the price of Wheat has advanced since the last Assize was set — and that the same be now set at Wheat 5/4 p. Bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pain and Livelihood.

A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2. 9. 0
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal — —	3. 7.
Biskets of a Copper price	5. 4

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 18. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Newell.

The Selectmen being informed that three Persons who came Passengers in Capt. McCurdys Brigg^n. from Ireland, had left said Vessell before she was order'd to Rainsfords Island, and are now at their Uncle M^r. Means's, Orders were given that they should go this Night with their Things to the Hospital at New Boston in order to their being smoked and cleansed, and M^r. Foye was wrote to accordingly.

M^r. Hartley having Reported to us that the Brigg^n. William Capt. McCurdy stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox, has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and may be ready to leave the Island on Satturday — the following Orders were given M^r. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital & a Certificate given the Governor.

Boston Septem^r. 18. 1766.

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Briggendine William Capt. McCurdy has been well smoked and cleansed, and may leave the Island with safety by Satturday next — Our Orders are that you permit said Vessell to come up [**33.**] To Town accordingly with such of the Sailors and Passengers as have had the Small Pox, and have got a shift of Cloths — those who have not had the Distemper are to remain at the Well House untill our further Directions — you must secure your pay for charges &^c.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 20, 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips.

M^r. Sheriff Greanleaff apply'd to the Selectmen for the use of Faneuils Hall on Monday next, (23^d.) being the Coronation Day, when the Governor and Council &c. purpose to drink the Kings Health &c.

Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted ——

The Selectmen being informed that Capt McCurdy and three of his Passengere who have not had the Small Pox have come up this Day in his Vessell contrary to our Orders to M^r. Hartley — the following Letter was sent the said Cordey ——

Boston Septem^r. 20. 1766.

Capt. Robert McCordey

We understand that yourself and three of your Passengers have come up to Town in your Vessell, contrary to our Orders as you have not had the Small Pox — You may therefore depend upon it we shall prosecute you according to Law, unless you and they continue on board untill you have our permission for all or either of your coming on shore; in the mean Time we expect you give us immediate notice if either of you should be ill or any wise complaining ——

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

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P.S. It is expected that you satisfy Mr. Hartley for his trouble — his Account will be given in to you.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 24, 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Newell, Rowe.

[34.] The Selectmen having considered the request of Mr. William Pope from Burmudos as entred the 17 of this Instant.

Voted, that his Request be granted, and liberty is hereby given him to set up a School in this Town for the instruction of youth in Dancing and Fencing, for so long a Time and no longer on his behavor shall meet the approbation of the Selectmen.

Mr. Jona. Lewis apply'd to the Selectmen, for liberty to unload the Briggn. William Capt. McCurdy from Ireland, and to discharge the People and Passengers.

Voted, that Liberty be given accordingly.

Mr. Thoma. Lewis apply'd to the Selectmen for leave to break Ground in order to erect a Post or Posts against his House in Foster, Street. Liberty was accordingly granted, provided the Ground and Pavement is made good, and the Posts so placed as not to incommode the Street or Passage Way.

Mr. Meletiah Bourn apply'd to the Selectmen for their consent as to his planting a number of Lime Trees opposite to his House on a Line with the Town Pump in Milk Street. Liberty was granted accordingly.

Mr. Hancock Newell and Rowe a Committee to view Beer Lane in order to Report whether the Proprietors have paved the same agreeable to their engagements with the Town and so are entitled to a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum granted for that purpose.

The above Committee having view'd the Lane Reported that the Lane was not paved to their satisfaction.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 29. 1766 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock — Newell Rowe.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/4 p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

	lb	oz	dr
A 4d. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2.	9.	
A 4d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian	3.	7.	
A Bisket of a Copper price		5.	4.

[35.] The Selectmen having view'd the New Street lately paved by Mr. Dalton and others, Voted that agreeable to a Vote of the Town at their Meeting in May last, the said Dalton have a Draft on the Treasury for £45 — the Paving having been compleated to their satisfaction.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 1. 1766 Present Jackson, Hancock, Phillips Newell.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 2d. 1766 Present Jackson, Hancock, Newell.

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Mr. Hartley having Reported to the Selectmen that Mr. John Brown Brookland his Wife, and two Children, who came in Capt. Marshalls Ship from London, that they have been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and may leave the Island with safety, Liberty was accordingly granted and for a Nurse and her Child who have been assisting at the Island, they having been well smoked &c.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 3d. 1766 — Present Sewall Hancock Newell Rowe.

Mr. John Welch informed the Selectmen, that he had let a House of his to one Mr. Woodland,* a Sopeboiler from England, who has a Wife and two Children — who came passenger in ye Snow Holyoke Capt. Marshall from London.

Voted, that the Clerk issue his Warrant to the Constables of the Town of Boston for warning a Meeting on Wednesday the 8 of this Inst: 9 O'Clock Before Noon.

Messrs. Drapers had the printing of Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 8. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock, Phillips Newell.

Mr. Hartley attended & acquainted the Selectmen that Capt. Marshalls Brother was desirous of leaving the Island and that as he had been well smoked & cleansed, he might in his Opinion leave it with safety to the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 15. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewell Ruddock Phillips Newell Rowe.

[36.] Whereas it is thought necessary that some of the Ladders should be cut shorter and otherwise altered as may render them more convenient for the purpose which they are designed for.

Voted that the Gentlemen Firewards be desired to make such alterations as above suggested to be necessary according to their best Dicretion.

Mr. Samuel Hartley from Rainsfords Island reported to the Selectmen that the Chests Bedding Trunks also a Bale & Crate which here received from the Snow Holyoke has been sufficiently aired & cleansed, the following Direction was given to Mr. Hartley.

Mr. Saml. Hartley

You having reported to us, that the Chests Bedding & Trunks, which were received from the Snow Holyoke, had been sufficiently aired & cleansed so that you apprehend they may be sent from the Island without danger, we consent that you permit said Chests Bedding & Trunks to be carried off and delivered to their Owners also the Bale & Crate which came out of the same Vessel.

Mr. Lassenbee came to the Selectmen from the Gentlemen Overseers of the Poor with their desire of leave to open the Drain across Street which draws off the wash from the Work house Kitchen.

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* Compare this with the preceding item. —W. H. W.

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Messrs. Newel & Sewall appointed a Committee to view the place & discourse the Overseers and report thereon.

Messrs. Ruddock & Sewall are desired as a Committee to see, what is necessary to be done for the preservation of the Towns interest near the North Battery, effected as soon as may be.

Colo. Jackson & Mr. Newel are desired as a Committee to order Thos. Hubbard Esqr. & Messrs. Scot & Gill immediately to remove the incumbrances by them laid on the Towns Land in & near Market Square.

Messrs. Phillips & Sewall are desired & appointed as a Committee to Carry out the Street and build a head near Oliver's Dock.

[37.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 17: 1766. Present Jackson Sewall Hancock Phillips Rowe.

Mr. Hartley reported that Capt Marshal might go of the Island with Safety.

Boston Octor. 17, 1766.

Mr. Saml. Hartley

As you report to us, that Capts. Wm. Marshal, who has passt through the Small pox at the Hospital, is now well, and may go off the Island without Danger to any who have not had the Distemper, you have our consent to permit Capts. Marshal to depart the Island: But would repeat our Cautions to you that you take especial Care to see Him cleansed aired Shifted &c.

J. JACKSON
S. SEWALL
JNO. HANCOCK
WM. PHILLIPS
J. ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston

The Committee appointed to view the place where the Overseers proposed to open a Drain in order to draw off the wash from the Work house Kitchen — Reported, that it is best that Liberty should be given therefor and Liberty was given them accordingly.

Mr. Willeston was directed to warn the Collectors & Mr. Edes and Mr. Latherby to attend at the Selectmens Chamber next Wednesday 3 O Clock P.M.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 22d. 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell.

The Bakers having represented to the Selectmen that the price of Flour has advanced since the last assize was set — therefore Ordered that the present Assize be altered, and now set at Wheat at 5/10d. p. Bushel and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood.

	lb	oz	dr
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh,	2–	9–	
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - - - - - - -	3–	7–	
Biskets of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		14–	

The Collecters attended according to desire.

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Mr. Salter proposed Mr. John Salter & Mr. Daniel Ray as Bondsmen who were accepted accordingly.

Mr. Ruggles proposed his Father Sam: Ruggles & Mr. Caleb Davis who were accepted.

Mr. Hollyday proposed John Winslow & Mr. Henry Allyne Jr. as Bondsmen who were approved accordingly.

Mr. Payson proposed, Jonathan Cary Esqr. & Alexander Edwards as Bondsmen who were approved by the Selectmen.

[38.] Mr. Gowen Brown appeared and informed the Selectmen that he had received into his House as a Workman, one Lawrance Ash & Thomas Jackson, they came to Town about fourteen days since, the last from Cannada the former from Philadelphia.

Mr. Jackson appointed upon a Motion made by Mr. Holyoke Master of the Writing School in Queen Street, to order such Repairs to the School and Pavement as may be necessary.

Upon a Motion made by the Proprietors of Beer Lane, the Selectmen agreed to view the premisses, in order to determine whether the Pavement is now compleated to their satisfaction and so the said Proprietors entitled to a draft for the amount of one third part the Sum which it has cost them for paving said Street

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms house was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Collo. Jackson & Mr. Sewall, and one of the Overseers to receive into the Alms house one Thomas Marston a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither having wherewithall to subsist himself and being infirm and aged is unable to labor for his support.

Mrs. Susannah Wells Widow and Mrs. Mary Merret Widow whose Husbands were lisensed Persons and lately deceased, together with James Swift who had a License under Capt. Hammatt, presented their Petitions for Licenses to retail Spirituous Liquors. — when James Swift only was approbated as a Retailer at his House adjoining Capt. Hammats Distill House.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen October. 27. 1766.
Present Sewall, Ruddock, Newell.

Mr. Samuel Procter keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Samuel Sewall & John Ruddock Esqr. and Mr. William Whitwell one of the Overseers — to receive a Boy named John Plant, on the Province charge he being a sick stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither having wherewith to subsist himself.

[39.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 29, 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

Mr. Wedge who lives in Royal Exchange Lane, appeared, and acquainted the Selectmen that there was in his Family one John Wade, a Stranger in suffering circumstances, —

Ordered, that the Town Clerk give Mr. Samuel Waterhouse a Draft on Mr. Treasurer Jeffries for £16 8 — being the Towns proportion of an Assessment for the payment of land taken from said Waterhouse to enlarge the Street by Faneuil Hall Market.

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Hartley Province Account for 10 Cord

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of Wood supply'd for the use of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island amounting to £6. 13. 4 — as p. Acct. on file.

Mr. Samuel Hartley having Reported to us, that the Hemp which came out of Capt. Marshalls Ship is in his opinion sufficiently aird and smoked, and may be suffered to be brought up to Town without danger to the Inhabitants —

Voted, that liberty be granted, accordingly and the following letter wrote Mr. Hartley.

Boston Octor. 29. 1766.

Mr. Samuel Hartley.

You having reported to us that it is your Opinion that the Hemp which came out of Capt. Marshalls Ship is sufficiently smoked and aired — We consent that the Owners may take said Hemp from the Island, they first satisfying you for the charge it has occasioned.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Mr. Hews and Lilley appeared, and the Selectmen discoursed them relative to the Buildings on the Towns Land formerly improved by Mr. Frary when they came to this Agreement vizt. that Mr. Lilley is to deliver up said Land and Buildings, and give a Quit Claim for the same — The Town paying Mr. Hews £100 — lawful Money, as a consideration for said Buildings which had been erected at the charge of said Hews — Memo. Mr. Hews had ye Land of Lilley on Leases & built thereon [40.] Lilley improved the Land as an heir to Theophilus Frary to whom the Town Leased said Land as appear upon the Town Record, Page 215 — Anno 1695.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 30. 1766
Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell.

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esqr. to examine into the Circumstances of Mrs. Abigail Lee, who is represented by her friends to be a Person Non Compos and to report their Opinion — made the following Return on said Warrant — Vizt.

Boston October 30. 1766.

We the Subscribers in pursuance of the order on the other side have seen, and examined into the Circumstances of Mrs. Abigail Lee, and find her to be as she has been represented by her friends, a Non Compos or Distracted Person

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

To the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esqr. Judge of Probate.

The Selectmen having received a Warrant from the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esq to examine into and Report the circumstances of Capt. Timothy McDaniel; represented by his Relations

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to Lee a Non compos — made the following Return on said Warrant Viz^{t}.

Boston October 30. 1766.

We the Subscribers in compliance with the within order have visited the said Mc Daniel and found to him to be as he has been represented by his Relations a Non Compos Person

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

To the Honble. Foster Hutchinson Esq., Judge of Probate.

[41.] Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 5. 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall Hancock, Phillips Newell.

M^{r}. John Baker Master of Fire Engine N. 1. appeared & having represented to the Selectmen that by reason of lameness he must decline that service, and recommended M^{r}. John Ballard as a suitable person to fill up that place, and as one agreeable to the Company.

Voted, that M^{r}. John Ballard be and he hereby is appointed Master of said Engine, and that the Clerk be directed to give him his Orders accordingly.

M^{r}. John Ballard appeared, and having proposed M^{r}. Orcutt Shaw and M^{r}. James Robbins as suitable Persons to fill up the vacancys made in thier Company by means of M^{r}. John Baker & M^{r}. John Cloughs leaving that service.

Voted, that Messrs. Orcutt Shaw and M^{r}. James Robbins be and hereby are accepted as Engine Men in said Company.

M^{r}. Hancock & M^{r}. Rowe appointed a Committee to order the necessary repairs to the Towns Warehouse opposite Golden Ball and let out the same as soon as possible.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 6. 1766. Present Jackson Sewall, Ruddock — Phillips, Newell.

The several Watchmen of the Town were ordered to attend the Selectmen this Evening, and they attended accordingly — when the Town Clerk was directed to make out new Orders for the Constables of the Watch & to lay the same before the Selectmen — See other leaf.

William Phillips Esq acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his family as a Servant one Robert Miens came from Ireland in Capt. McCurdy.

The Selectmen have ordered that a Complaint be entred to M^{r}. Justice Dana against Tobias Lochman, & Scipio, Free Negroes, y^{e}. latter late a of Servant of Capt. John Fayweather — for not working 4 Days each on y^{e}. High Ways this year being legally warned by M^{r}. Sweatser.

[42.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^{r}. 7. 1766 — Present Jackson Sewall, Ruddock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Voted, that the Town Clerk be directed to give each Collecter

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who has given Bond, a Certeficate for the Assessors that he has so done to the satisfaction of the Selectmen in order to his receive^g. the Tax Books.

M^r. Phillips & Sewall a Committee to repair the breach in y^e. Common shore at the bottom of Water Street.

The Copy of Letter to Selectmen of Lancaster on file — to be entred.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r. 12, 1766 — Present Sewall Ruddock Phillips, Newell Rowe.

M^r. Edward Marion acquainted the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family on charity one Elizabeth Dun an aged inferm Woman, came from Hallifax a few Days since, but born in this Town.

(The following entry in margin marked X)

The orders given the four Constables of the Watch were dated Novem^r. 12 — & are to be entred at this Date in the fair Minutes — the Copys of the Orders are on file.

M^r. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Almshouse was directed to received into said Hospital on the Province charge, William Smith Michael Foreman John Anderson being Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to subsist themselves?

John Anderson mentioned above says he came from Waterford in Ireland last May to Newfound Land, & from thence to Boston, with Ebenezer Rider, about 6 Weeks since, as a Passenger —

Capt. Ruddock appointed to order the necessary repairs to North Lattin & Writing Schools.

The Selectmen have agreed to meet at M^r. Phillips Store on Fryday 10. O Clock Forenoon in order to run the Line on one side of Milk Street, —

M^r. Hancock & Phillips appointed to order necessary repairs to M^r. Holbrooks School in the Common.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r. 24. 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat a 5/ 10 p. Bushel [**43.**] And that 6^d. be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

A 4^d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - -	2 ,, 9 ,,
4^d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - -	3 ,, 7 ,,
Biskets of a Copper price. - - - - -	4 ,, 14

Belcher Noyes Esq. informs the Selectmen that he has taken into his Family as a Maid one Mary Miller who came last from Damariscotta Eastward.

Voted, that the Town Clerk have a Draft on the Treasury for £25 — lawful Money.

Passed upon Coll^o. Jacksons Province Account amounting to £21 — 5/ — as p. Account of particulars on File.

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Passed upon Fenno & Voses Province Account amounting to £12 — 12/. as p. Copy of Account on File.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant to the Constables of the Town of Boston for warning a meeting on Monday the 1. of December next at 3. O Clock P: M:

Mem°. had y^e. printing of Notifications.

M^r. Wheat presented a Petition to the Selectmen that he might be Lisensed to keep a Tavern at the Crown Coffee House = which was disapproved by the Selectmen.

M^rs. Susannah Wells Widow presented a Petition that she might be Licensed to Retail Spirituous Liquors at her House at the Head of Wings Lane, in the room of her late Husband Francis Wells Esq. deceased — whereupon

Voted, that she be approbated accordingly.

M^rs. Elizebeth Tripe Widow presented a Petition to the Selectmen that she might be Licensed to Retail Spirituous Liquors at her House in Ann Street in the room of her late Husband Richard Tripe deceased — whereupon.

Voted, that she be approbated accordingly.

[M^r. Ephraim Perry acquain]

[44.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 26, 1766 Present. Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

M^r. Ephraim Perry acquainted the Selectmen that he had received into his Family Edward Pitcher an aged man from Stoughton, he came from thence about 3 Weeks past.

M^rs. Abigail Bromfield informed the Selectmen that she had received into her Family as a Maid one Jane Quails, came from Ireland in Capt. McCurdy.

M^r. William Wheat was this Day approbated to keep a Tavern at the Crown Coffee House agreeable to his Petition to the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 3. 1766 Present Jackson — Sewall — Ruddock Phillips, Newell.

M^r. Joshua Loring acquaints the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family as a Servant one Mary Woodhouse a Girl from Milton about nine Years of age.

M^rs. Ephraim and Ebenezer Perry having p'tioned the Selectmen for the improvement of a peice of the Towns Land Just without the Fortification Gates on the South Eastern side of the Neck untill it comes to the Land Leased to M^r. Sutton Byles, together with the Flatts so far as low Water Mark, — Voted that they have the improvement of the said peice Land, untill the next general Town Meeting, or such Time as they shall have an opportunity of petitioning the Town — they to repair the Stone Wall in the interm.

M^r. Robert Pierpoint, M^r. Ephraim Perry, & M^r. Isaac Bird are appointed by the Selectmen to take care that no Incumbrances of Timber, Board, Dung, &c are laid upon any part of the Neck or the Streets within the Fortification; and to prossecute for any such offences.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^{r}. 8. 1766. Present. Jackson. Sewall Ruddock, Phillips, Newell.

M^{r}. Billings attended & produced his Acco^{t}. of Mony, collected [45] For wharfage in the Dock, in order for a Setlement.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 9.* 1766 Present. Sewall Ruddock Phillips Newell.

This Evening settled M^{r}. Billings Account of wharfage by which it appears from under his hand that there is a balance due to the Town of £157—1–1– O Tenor and desired the Town Treasurer to receive the same as soon as may be and pass it to the T^{r}. of the Town — Acco^{t}. on file —

Messrs. Sewall, & Phillips, & Newell appointed to visit the Almshouse and examine into the circumstances of the Province Poor, and to Report thereon.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 10,* 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

M^{r}. David Wheeler Master of Engine N. 10 — applyd to the Selectmen for the premium allowed by the Town for their bringing their Engine to work first upon the Fire lately broke out at the Pot Ash House near Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Checkleys Meeting House — whereupon

Voted that they have a Draft for the said Premium of 13/4^{d}. the next Draft Day.

M^{r}. David Wheeler proposed to the Selectmen the Building an Engine House for their Engine to be kept in, at Pond Lane, near the House formerly improved by M^{r}. Calf, as being thought the most suitable situation, for said Engine at that part of the Town.

M^{r}. Sewall and M^{r}. Rowe appointed a Committee to view the Ground and direct the Building of a suitable House, if they shall then think proper.

D^{r}. Whitworth this Day made a Return of the Bedding Bed Cloths &c. at the Province Hospital at New Boston, whereby it appears that there is

3 Fether Beds	29 Blankets
6 Flock Beds	6 Sheets
3 Bolsters	3 Coverlids
4 Pillows	

Mem^{o}. All in good order as p Acco^{t}. of particulars on file.

[46.] This Day the Selectmen settled on Account with M^{r}. John Mays for the Rent of the Hay Engine to the 3^{d}. Day of November 1766 — at 24 p. Annum, by which a balance appears due to the Town £21. 6. 8 — The Selectmen have also agreed with him that from the s^{d}. 3^{d}. Day of November last he shall have the use of the Engine at the rate of £24 p. Annum desiring the term of Seven Years he keeping the whole in good repair so long as he holds it — never the less he may deliver up the Engine upon giving Six

* November in the original, but probably an error for December.—W. H. W.

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Months notice to the Selectmen, at any time within the said term of Seven Years — Mem°. the Beam & Scails & Weights are to be put in proper repair at the charge of the Town.

Mr. Phillips & Deacon Newell & Mr. Sewall appointed a Committee to view the Scails & Weights at the Hay Engine House, and to order the necessary repairs.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 16. 1766 Present, Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Phillips Newell.

Mr. Sharp proposed Nathaniel Cushing as a proper Person for his Company of Engine N 2. which will make the number including the Master. to be thirteen — and he was accordingly accepted.

The Selectmen have agreed to meet at Mr. Gules (?) Shop on the Morrow in order to examine the bounds of his Land &c.

Capt. Ruddock appointed to wait upon Master Wissell & desire him not to expose his health by attending School this Winter, and that his Salary shall be drawn for notwithstanding.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 24. 1766 — Present Jackson, Sewall Phillips Newell.

Mr. Love is directed to wait upon Joseph Hayden & desire him to see his Brother in Law now with him carried to the place where he belonged he having been warned in season — his name Joseph Norcross & is a distracted person & came last from Brookline.

Capt. James Dickey was sent for who brought for Annapolis one Dr. Wright his Wife and four Children who are in poor Circumstances he attended & promised to be at the Selectmens Chambers next Wednesday.

[47.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 28. 1766. Present Messrs. Jackson Sewall Hancock Newell

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/ 10 p. bushel and that 6d. p. bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

	lb	oz
A 4d. loaf of brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - . - - - - - - - - -	2.	9.
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - -	3.	7.
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -		4. 14

Six Petit Jurymen were drawn at a Constables Meeting & their Names given to Messrs. Kilby & Clark.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 31. 1766 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Boston Decemr. 30. 1766.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that the Family of Joseph Landre a French Neutral, assigned your Town, is now with us, and in such circumstances as to require some assistance — the Man we believe is industrious, but his work which was chiefly sawing of

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Wood has failed, and his Wife now lays in, with her sixth Child —

We doubt not you will take such order upon this matter as to prevent their applying to us for any supply of Necessarys, the charge of which will eventually follow your Town.

By Order of the Selectmen.

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

To the Selectmen of Bellrica —

Mr. Procter Keeper of the Alms House was directed to receive into the Alms house on the Province Acco^t. one Christopher Morton a distracted & poor person person who is a stranger & not an [*sic*] an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

Mr. Richard Bradford was approbated as a Tavern keeper for the Crown Coffee House.

Ordered that a Warrant be issued for a Town Meeting next Wednesday 3. O Clock P. M. being 7th. of January 1766 [*sic*] —

Mr. Dommett Rent for Warehouse begins this Day at the Rate of £24 — p. Year.

[48.] Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 8. 1767 Present. Sewall, Jackson, Hancock, Phillips, Newell —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 14. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall Hancock Phillips Newell.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 21, 1767 — Present Jackson Sewall Hancock, Newell.

Mr. Adams to be notified to be here next Monday.

Mr. Elijah Wadsworth having taken one of the Town Bulls has given his obligation to deliver another in April next to the satisfaction of the Selectmen — which Note is on file.

Mr. Procter Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into the Alms house one Abraham Fairbanks a sick Stranger not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewith to subsist himself — the Selectmen that signd were Mr. Sewall & Mr. Hancock.

Mr. Samuel Procter was directed by Mr. Jackson and Newell to receive into the Alms house on the Province Acco^t. one James Clark a sick Person being not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewith to subsist himself.

Mr. Samuel Procter Keeper of the Alms house was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Jackson & Mr. Sewall to receive into the Alms house last Decem^r. 25th one Thomas Fling a sick Stranger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor has anything to support himself.

Boston Jany. 21, 1767.

Gentlemen

The Bearer Michael Digless a French Man is by means of a lame Hand, became unable to support himself, he has been legally warned out of this Town & by his account has obtained an Inhabitancy at Roxbury altho he served an Apprentiship to Mr. Bourn of Marblehead — We thought it proper to give you this

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information, that you may act thereon as you think best, the man requiring immediate assistance.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILL. COOPER Town Clerk.

To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Roxbury.

[49.] Mr. Jackson & Newell a Committee to direct in the rebuilding the Watch house near the Old North Church which is now in a ruinous state.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 26, 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall Newell.

Messrs. Jackson & Newell Reported that they had taken a survey of the North Watch house & were of opinion that some repairs being given it might last for a number of Years — whereupon Voted that the said Commee be desired to put it in proper repair.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood.

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A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 ,,	9 ,,	
A 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	3 ,,	7 ,,	
Bisket of a Copper price		4.,,	14.,,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selctmen Jany. 28. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall Hancock Phillips Newell, Rowe.

The Selectmen have agreed to view the Slaughter House lately purchased of Mr. Hews on Fryday next 9. O Clock forenoon.

Passed upon John Hollands Province Account amo to L as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 30. 1767 — Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newell

The Tanners proposing to hire the Town's Slaughter House at the South End mett the Selectmen at their Chamber And It is agreed, between the Selectmen for the Town & Messrs. Josiah Torrey, Joseph Calef Ebenr. Winter, Coll Lush & Saml. Bass, that, from this 30th. Day of January 1767 to the 30th. Jany. 1768, being one year, they shall have the use of said Slaughter House for the following Terms vizt.

They paying Thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence Lawfl. Money, certain on or before the said 30th. Day of Jany. 1768 and no more unless, it be found the necessary repairs which they on their part oblige themselves immediately to undertake & effect [50.] to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen, shall exceed said Thirteen pounds six shillings & eight pence, in that case they engage & oblige themselves to go on with said repairs to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen not exceeding six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence more, which six pounds thirteen shilgs & four pence or so much as shall be laid out above £13.6. 8 short of the said addition of £6. 13. 4. shall be allowed by the said Josh. & others as a further Rent for their Occupation and improvement of said

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Slaughter House. But if further repairs be found requisite expedient or necessary they shall be done & paid by the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 4. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall Newell, Rowe.

M^{rs}. Augustus White, alias Blanc & Family, French Neutrals are in suffering circumstances, came from Rutland.

Charles Landre & Family, came from Concord, in the same.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 5. 1767.— Present Jackson Sewall Phillips, Newell, ——

Boston Feby. 5. 1767.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one Charles Landre & Family French Neutrals who were assigned your Town are now with us and in such circumstances as to require some assistance the Man we believe is industrious, but his work which was chiefly sawing of Wood, has failed, which occasions their Application. We doubt not you will take such care upon this advice as to order what may be necessary & so prevent our supplying them, the amount whereof must be finally born by your Town — We understand they intend for Cannada in the Spring so that a Small advance may be sufficient.

By Orders of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

To the Selectmen of Concord.

The following Vote passed at a Meeting of the Selectmen last Monday — vizt. — Voted, that Messrs. Sewall & Newell [**51.**] Wait upon Master Wiswell and discourse on the difficultys arisen in the North School by M^{r}. Nathaniel Langdens declining to officiate there any further.

Messrs. Sewall & Newell report — That they had waited upon M^{r}. Master Wiswall to advise with him about the difficulties of the North School, and informed him that M^{r}. Nathaniel Langden the Usher of said School had declined officiating any longer as he found the business would not suit him. In discourse with M^{r}. Wiswell having opened the design of their visit — He said he was sensible of the difficulties coming on before his last confinement & that he had for some weeks past thought it his duty to let the Selectmen know his infirmities would prevent his further attendance upon the business of said School and after some further discourse resignd the place as Master of said School; adding that he had spent his Estate in the Towns service and hoped they would not let him suffer to which it was reply'd by them that the disposition of the Town was such that we could not doubt he would be provided for during the remainder of his Days.

The Selectmen having taken into consideration the difficulty of the North Grammar School came into this resolution, that it was absolutely necessary to get some Gentleman to officiate as Master who was of known abilities & experience — whereupon M^{r}. Lovel & his Son were desired to attend the Selectmen who attended accordingly, when it was proposed to them that M^{r}. James Lovel

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should take the charge of said School untill the next General Town Meeting, which was consented to from a desire to serve that part of the Town in the present immergency — whereupon it was agreed that Coll°. Jackson & M^r. Sewall should introduce M^r. Lovel into said School next Monday 8 °Clock before noon —

Voted that a Meeting of the Justices and Selectmen be called on Monday next being the 9. Inst^t. at 5. OClock P.M.

Mem°. the Memorial to General Court in behalf of Sufferers in the late Fire &c are on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 6.* 1767. Present Jackson Sewall, Phillips Newell Rowe.

[52.] Mem°. to consider of the proposal of a number of Gentlemen that the Watchmen be supplyd with a number of Axes & Buckets to be kept at the Watch houses to be ready in case of Fires breaking out before the Town can be raised — & Pumps, at the several Bridges.

At a Meeting of His Majestys Justices Selectmen & Overseers — A Walk or Visitation of the Town was agreed to be taken next Wednesday 9 OClock Before Noon, if fair to Report that Evening if not to be next Fryday to meet in the Evening at Faneuil Hall for to make return — Papers on File.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 11. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell.

M^r. Enoch Brown appear'd, and desired the refusal of one of the Houses on the Neck next to his Shop, or of the whole of the Towns Interest provided it be free to let in the Spring.

M^r. Joseph Putnam Master of Engine N. 4 apply'd to the Selectmen for the premium for bringing their Engine to work at the Fire which lately broke out at M^r. Brays Bake house — Voted that he have a draft for 13/4 the D — drawn for —

Mem°. to enquire about the Towns Warehouse.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. y 18. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell,

M^r. John Sweetser of Roxbury desires he may have the refusal of the House on the Bull Pasture, in order to carry on the baking business.

Boston December 15. 1766

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province ought to be taxed here for the Real Estate they Occupy, and the Business they do here, it being agreeable to Law —

The Honble. James Russell Esq
[53.] M^r. John Soley
Ralph Inman Esq
M^r. Anthony Thomas

* Marginal notes February 7. and 9. — W. H. W.

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Mr. Joseph Palmer
Mr. Thomas Russell
Mr. Elisha Doane
Messrs. Simon Whipple & Compy.
Mr. Timothy Folger
Mr. Joseph Roach
William Hyslop Esq

We are Gentlemen
Your Humble Servants

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN HANCOCK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston.

To the Assessors of the Town of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23d. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Phillips Newell.

A Meeting for the choice of Jurors —

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. bushel and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood.

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A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2..	9..	
A 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	3..	7..	
Bisket of a Copper price		4.	

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 23. 1767 — Present. Jackson, Sewall Ruddock, Newell, Rowe.

[54.] The Town Clerk is directed to warn the Proprietors of Land near the Fortification to be at the Selectmens Chamber next Monday Forenoon by 10–O'Clock–A. M.

Upon a complaint made by a number of the Inhabitants that Mr. Eayar was erecting an Oven in order to carry on the Baking business at his House in Wings Lane — Mr. Ayer was sent for, and attended Wednesday 3 Weeks since, when the Selectmen read the Province Law to him respecting Bake houses, and informed him that he was going on contrary to Law, and might expect to be prosecuted if he persisted in his design —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2d. 1767 — Present. Jackson, Sewall, Phillips Newell.

The Proprietors of Land near the Fortification attended at the Selectmens Chamber, this Afternoon

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 3d. 1767 Present Sewall Newell Rowe.

Mr. Thomas Britt who was some days since approved of as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his House near the Corn Field, was this Day recommended to the Court of Sessions for a License.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 4. 1767 Present Mess: Jackson Sewall, Phillips, Newell Rowe.

Voted, that Mr. Adams have a draft, for a Quarters Salary, as Clerk of the Mart ending the 1st. of March instant being £5 — Lawful.

Voted, that Collo. Jackson & Mr. Newell be a Commee. to wait upon the Revd. Mr. Mather and desire him to open the March Meeting with prayer.

Voted that Messrs. Fleet have the printing of the Notifications of the ensuing Town Meeting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 6. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell Rowe.

[55.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 9th. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips Newell.

Joseph Nabbs from England last from N. York; came to Town last Night and lodged at the blue Anchor.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10. 1767 — Present Jackson Sewall Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Barrett and several Gentlemen attended & presented a Petition to the Selectmen, that Mr. Nathaniel Oliver might be appointed Master of the North Grammar School — which is to be considered at a future Meeting.

The Selectmen also received a Letter from Mystick recommendg. Mr. Hill as a Person who kept School there with approbation.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 11. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell Rowe.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. bush: and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood.

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Bisket of a Copper price		4 -	

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Proctors Province Accounts — Amounting to £338–14–7½ and £23–9–6 as p. Copy of said Accounts on file.

Mr. Greenleaff one of the Overseers acquainted the Selectmen that he had sent to the Alms house one Michael Carney, who fell into a Cistern and is distracted, and cannot tell from whence he came.

Mr. Greenleaf further informs that George Crist, John Henry Rainghee & Christopher Perver, supposed to have come from Broad Bay are sick & in necessitous Circumstances, and require relief.

Mr. Adams waited on the Selectmen and acquainted them that the Butchers which came into Dock Square have refused paying anything for their Stalls.

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[56.] Voted, that the Assessors be acquainted that John Boreland Esq does business in the Town, and in their Opinion ought to be taxed & that his Name be added to the last return.

Voted that the following Advertizement be sent Messrs. Drapers for a place in thier Thursdays Papers.

Any Person or Persons inclining to hire the Houses and Land on both sides the Neck, belonging to the Town of Boston either in whole or in part, may apply to the Selectmen of said Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 12. 1767

M^r^. John Gibbs in behalf of his Mother Cutler apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a private Drain near D^r^. Cutlers Church in order to repair the same.

Voted, that liberty be accordingly granted, he engageing to make Ground and Pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Robert Peacock his Wife and five Children who came from Braintree, by a fall has disabled himself from supporting his Family & is now in Circumstances that requires assistance from the Town.

Boston March 12, 1767.

Gentlemen

This is to acquaint you that one Robert Peacock who has a Wife and five Children, has by a fall been disabled from supporting his Family, which is now in such Circumstances as to require assistance from the Town — We depend upon your taking immediate care of this Family as the charge we may be at will be brought against your Town, as they have been warned to depart this place according to Law.

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Boston.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16. 1767. Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock Hancock.

Coll^o^. Jackson, Newell & Rowe a Comm^ee^. to illuminate [57.] Faneuil Hall, and provide for drinking the Kings Health.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 18. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Newell Rowe.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 25. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Voted that a Warrant be issued for Town Meeting on Tuesday next at 10. O'Clock A. M. upon application made by a number of Inhabitants.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes & Gill have the printing of the Notification for the ensueing Town Meeting.

Voted that M^r^. Hancock be desired to order repairs to the Rails in the Common, and to any thing that may be necessary in the course of the Year.

M^r^. Joseph Hammond apply'd to the Selectmen for the place of Constable of the Dock Watch.

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Passed upon Mr. Hancocks Province Account amt. to £8. 10. 3. in which Mr. Benjamin Austin had an article of £1. 14. 9 — as p. Copy on file.

Passed upon Mr. Rowes Province Account amt. to £9. 3. 4. as p. Copy of said Account on file.

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounting to £16. 9. 8 as by a Copy thereof on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30. 1767 — Present. Jackson. Hancock Phillips, Newell.

Mr. Samuel Adams informed that he had received into his Family one Prince George a Lad of about ten Years of age belonging to Braintree.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - -	2 – 9 –
A 4d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - -	3 – 7 –
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	– 4 –

referred to Wednesday.

[58.] Mr. Lewis Offers £18 — lawful for the Towns Land on the South side of the Neck.

The Selectmen this Day agreed with Mr. John Lewis to lay about three hundred load of Stones and Gravel on the Neck and to spread the same at two Shillings p. load.

The Selectmen this Day agreed with Mr. Samuel Hearsom to take the Charge of the Hospital at New Boston in the room of Mr. Foye who they have dismist from that House and Service.

Mr. Rowe and Mr. Hancock a Committee to order Repairs to the Towns Slip between Mr. Foster & Mr. Kneelands House, the same having been lately damaged by the Sea.

March 31 — James Butler sent to the Alms house — see April 29. 1767 the Entry.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 1. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Phillips Newell.

The Selectmen having lately Agreed with Joseph Hammon to take the place of Constable of the Dock Watch, in the room of Valintine Sullivan dismissed from that service for not rendering a faithful Return of the absence of himself & Company — The Town Clerk is directed to give him his Orders accordingly — (instead of directing him to go among the Warehouses on the Long Wharf he is directed to go among those on the Dock) Copy of Orders filed Novemr. 12. 1766.

Mr. Frankland Master of Engine N. 9. acquainted the Selectmen that the Land in which his Engine House stands is sold, and desired a spot of Ground may be obtained for said House to be removed to — mentioning at the same Time that Mr. Newell the Painter has some Land near Hog Alley which might accommodate the Town.

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The Selectmen have this Day agreed with Mr. Enoch Brown for the Houses & Land on the North side of the Neck late leased to Mr. Wentworth at £40 — p. Annum, the Rent to commence the 25 of March last.

Mr. Sharp Master of Engine N. 2 apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for working his Engine first at the [59.] Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Rands Sugar House North End — Voted, that he have a draft for 13/4 this Draft Day — Draft not being yet given in.

The Selectmen have agreed to meet the Abutters on Land near the Fortyfication on the 10th. of this Instant 10 'Clock Before Noon.

Voted, that, Six Assises be given the Clerks of the Market, 8 to the Bakers & 2 to be posted.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 4, 1767 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock Newell.

Voted That the Selectmen of Malden be desired to meet us at our Chamber to confer on the Affair of Mrs. King & Mrs. Perkins, two paupers, the sd. Selectmen of Malden suppose belong to Boston: And Mr. Ruddock is desired to notify said Selectmen accordingly that Tuesday the 14th. Current this We will be ready to attend them at said place either before noon or After as will best suit them.

Letters to Ministers &c. requesting a contributions for the sufferers in the late fire are on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 8. 1767 — Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, John Ruddock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Capt. Ruddock was appointed to order such repairs to the North burial Place, the ensuing Year as he may Judge necessary.

The Selectmen in compliance with the Vote of the Town at their late Meeting respecting the appointment of a Master for the North Grammar School, have unanimously made choice of Mr. Samuel Hunt Junr. of Cambridge to supply that School and the Town Clerk is directed to acquaint that Gentleman therewith, and that they would be glad to see him as soon as possible, that he may be introduced as the Master.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

[60.] Collo. Jackson is appointed by the Selectmen to receive of the several Deacons of the Churches in the Town such Money as have been Collected for the Sufferers in the late Fire.

The following Certificate was given Mr. Sweetser — Vizt.

Boston April 13. 1767.

We the Subscribers Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk & dwelling in the Town of Boston together with the Selectmen of said Town of Boston having been apply'd to by Mr. John Sweetser for liberty to build an Oven for the baking of Bread

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for Sale in the House over against the George Tavern on Boston Neck and owned by the Town of Boston of whose Selectmen the said Sweetser has hired the same — hereby Certify whom it may concern that the said House appearing to us conveniently situated for a Bakehouse we have allowed the said Sweetser to build an Oven and carry on the business of a Baker at said place.

JOSEPH JACKSON SAMUEL SEWALL JOHN HANCOCK WILLIAM PHILLIPS TIMOTHY NEWELL JOHN ROWE	Selectmen of Boston.	S. WELLS JOSHUA WINSLOW RICH^{D}. DANA FOSTER HUTCHINSON JOHN HILL JOHN AVERY BELCHER NOYES NATHANIEL BALSTON JOHN TUDER	Justices of the Peace.

This Day the Selectmen agreed with John Sweetser Baker of the Town of to let him have a Lease of the Bull Pasture so called, for the terms of Seven Years, to commence the 25. of March last at £20— p. Annum he giving Bond to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14, 1767. A.M. Present Jackson, Ruddock, Phillips Newell

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 14, 1767. P.M. together with the Justices.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 15. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall Phillips, Newell.

[**61.**] The Committee appointed to warn M^{r}. Foye to leave the Province Hospital, Reported that they had accordingly warned him, on the first Day of April to provide another House immediately.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 16. Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Ruddock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Coll^{o}. Hill apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to erect Posts in Blind Lane so called, at the North side of said Lane.

M^{r}. Hancock is desired to order repairs to the Fences of the South burying Ground.

M^{r}. Ruddock is appointed to order repairs to the Wall of the North burying Ground, and to call upon the Proprieters of Tombs to do their part according to their agreement.

All the Papers relative to a New Street near Paddys Alley on File & to be entred of this Date especially return on Plan.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips Newell.

This Day the Selectmen in a Body visited the North Grammar School.

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[62.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 22d. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell Ruddock.

Mr. Brown Master of Engine N. attended & proposed Benjamin White as a proper Person for an Engine Man, and desired that he might be admitted in his Company.

Dr. Roberts attended, and proposed to the Selectmen the erecting two Posts before his Shop Door near the Town House and in a range with Mr. Griggs's Posts — when liberty was accordingly granted him — he conforming himself as is usual in such cases.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Phillips.

John Ruddock Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1763, having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receipts in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of Ninety two Pounds fourteen Shillings being his Quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the Four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1763 & His Bond, d'ld: him by the Town Clerk.

It is agreed by the Selectmen that Mr. Moore shall have the Carpenters work of the repairs of the Writing School in the Common and that Mr. Pitcher shall have the Glaziers work.

John Ruddock Esq one of the Collectors of the Street Tax for 1761 — having produced the Town Treasurers Receit for his part of the sum committed to him to Collect at that Time.

Voted, that he have a Draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of Thirty three Pounds, thirteen Shillings & three Pence being his quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the four Collectors for Collecting that Tax.

Mrs. Jane Cazneau was approbated as an Inholder in the room of her late Husband Peace Cazneau deceased, at her House on Dock Square.

[63.] Jonathan Payson Esq. one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1764 — having produced the Province & Town Treasurer Receipts in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year — (Memo. had no County Tax to Collect for that year)

Voted, that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of One hundred & Nine Pounds eighteen Shillings & ½d. being his quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the Four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1764.

Voted, that the Town Clerk deliver Mr. Payson, his Bonds for the year 1761–1762–1763– & 1764 — which was done accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29, 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell, Phillips.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood

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	lb.	oz.
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2.	9.
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	3.	7.
Bisket of a Copper price		4.

Collo. Jackson Mr. Sewall & Mr. Phillips appointed a Committee to view Mr. Franklands Engine House and the South Watch House.

Mr. Samuel Proctor Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into the Alms house on the Province Charge one James Butler a sick & infirm Man, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor has he wherewith to subsist himself.

JOSEPH JACKSON } Selectmen.
SAMUEL SEWALL }

Mr. Sutton Master of Engine No. 7. attended & proposed Richard Brooks Emmons as a suitable Person for an Engine Man in his Company.

Voted, that he be admitted as Engine Man accordingly.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting on the next Week in May next [*sic*].

[**64.**] Voted, that Mr. Zachery Fowle have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall Hancock Phillips Rowe.

Voted that the ensuing Town Meeting be on Fryday the 8th. Day of May Instt. Mr. Daniel Kneeland had the printing of Notifications Mr. Fowle being not able to print them — Mr. Phillips invited Mr. Elliot to pray.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4, 1767 Present Jackson — Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

The Selectmen this Day approved of the Request of Mr. James Thwing to build a Bake House & Oven on his Land between Water Street and Horn Lane, provided his present Bake House and Oven be taken down — see next Page.

Mr. Ruddock Collo. Jackson & Mr. Rowe a Commee. to carry the Town Vote last October into execution respecting the preservations of the Towns interest near the North Battery" — and to order such Repairs to Carriages at the Battery as may be necessary.

Mr. Newell a Committee to consult with Royal Tyler Esq relative to the sending off Benjamin Doucet & Joseph Mazarens Family, to Cannada.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 6. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall Hancock Phillips — Ruddock,

Mr. Edward Hollyday one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1765 having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receits in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that year.

Voted, that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of

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One hundred & two Pounds, One Shilling & 4^{d}. ½ being his Quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the Four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1765 — (his Bond for 1765 dld. him p. order.)

[**65.**] M^{r}. John Lewis of Roxbury agreed with the Selectmen to take the South Side of the Neck which was formerly leased to Col^{o}. Hill and Bull pasture at the Rent of Thirty pounds for the Current year exclusive of the House that stands on Land near Bull pasture the Rent of which it is agreed shall be paid to the Town if it should be let — the year to be begin from the 25th. of March last.

Passed upon D^{r}. Marshalls Province Account for 1766. am^{o}. in the whole to L

To the Hono^{bl}. the Justices of the Peace and Selectmen in and of the Town of Boston, the Petition of James Thwing of said Boston Baker —

Humbly Sheweth —

That he the said James hath a Bakehouse and Oven standing on his Fathers Land, not convenient to his own dwelling house & as he has Land sufficient & convenient for a Bake house, near his dwelling House in Water Street, about thirty or forty Feet from his present Bake house and Oven, between Water Street and Horn Lane, taking down and discontinuing his present Bake house & Oven —

JAMES THWING.

We grant the Request —

JOSEPH JACKSON SAMUEL SEWALL JOHN RUDDOCK JOHN HANCOCK WILLIAM PHILLIPS TIMOTHY NEWELL JOHN ROWE	Selectmen.
SAMUEL WELLS JOSHUA WINSLOW RICHARD DANA FOSTER HUTCHINSON EDMUND QUINCY JACOB ROYAL JOHN STEEL WILLIAM STODDARD BELCHER NOYES JOSEPH DUDLEY JOHN HILL	Justices of the Peace.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 13. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Newell.

[**66.**] Recompence Wadsworth Stimpson apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain from his House at the head of Long Lane into the Common Shore, at his own expence —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 1767. Present —

M^{rs}. Bridget Ridgway presented a Petition to the Selectmen praying that she may be approbated by them to keep Tavern at her House on Dock Square in the room of her late Husband —

Voted, that her Petition be granted.

Liberty was granted M^{r}. Recompence Stimpson to open a Drain

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from his House at the Head of Long Lane into the Common Shore at his own Expence, provided he immediately made good the Ground and restored the Pavement to the satisfaction of the Gentlemen the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20. 1767. A. M.

Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Upon a Motion made for repairing fish Street & several places to the Northward of the Draw Bridge

Voted that Messrs Ruddock, Hancock & Newel be a Committee to see all repairs of the Streets to the Northward of the Draw Bridge, that they find necessary, effected as soon as possible.

Voted That Messrs. Sewall Phillips & Rowe be a Committee to see that all necessary repairs of the pavements to the Southward be effected as soon as possible.

The Selectmen having taken into Consideration the great Damage — done to the Streets of the Town by the bad management of persons who have been employed in laying down Drains after they have been opened Voted that for the future the Selectmen will* consent to the opening of any Drain but such as the proprietors shall consent that the Selectmen have the appointment of the person or persons [**67.**] who are to lay them down.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 20th. 1767 P. M. Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Newel, Rowe.

Agreed with M^{r}. Aaron Rumrell Labourer to take the House near Bull pasture at Four pounds Lawf^{l} Mon^{y}. from this 20th. Day of May to the 25th. Day of March. 1768.

Voted that John Rowe Esqr. be desired to fill up the Slough in Esex Street near Deacon Eliots Corner with gravel and such stuff as he finds will make it a firm hard & good way espetially before the Engine House there scituated.

Voted that Messrs. Jackson Sewall & Ruddock be a Committee to treat with James Bowdoin Esq about some repairs proposed in Beacon Street before his Mansion House &c.

M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries came to the Chamber and desired M^{r}. Adams the Collector's Bonds for 1763 & 1764 and M^{r}. Payson's d^{o}. Bonds — — — 1765. which were accordingly delivered.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 25. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

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A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread $\frac{3}{4}$ Wheat $\frac{1}{4}$ Rye Meal must weigh	2	–	9
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above $\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Meal - - - -	3	–	7 –
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - -			4 –

M^{r}. Samuel Ruggles one of the Collectors of Taxes for the

* The word "not" is evidently omitted here. — W. H. W.

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Year 1765. having produced the Province County and Town Treasurers Reciets in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year.

Voted, that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of One hundred and two Pounds one Shilling & 4½ bieng his [68.] Quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the Four Collectors for collecting the Tax of 1765.

Mr. Ruggles, Bond for 1765 were delivered him by Order of the Selectmen.

Andrew Oliver Esq. apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to carry a Platform three feet wide, and Nine feet in length from the Bridge on Oliver Dock, over the Water. — Liberty was accordingly granted him provided he engages to remove the same whenever the Selectmen shall require the same to be done.

Liberty was granted Mr. Mays for paving through the Hay Market at the charge of the Town.

Boston May 25. 1767

Mr. Isaac Bird

The Proprietors of Land near the Fortification and the Selectmen in behalf of the Town having agreed to raise and pave the Street leading thereto, which must require a considerable quantity of Gravel to be laid thereon — You are desired & impowered to take an Account of the Loads that shall be brought, and to inspect the quality and measure thereof that so Justice may be done the purchasers, for which you are to be allowed a reasonable recompence. By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Messrs. Sewall Phillips and Rowe appointed a Committee to give the necessary directions to Mr. Bond relative to the Gravel which is to be laid on the Street improved by him near the Fortification.

The above Committee are desired to agree with Mr. Richards relative to the Town Land improved by him near the Fortification.

[69.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 3d. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell,

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Proctor's Province Accounts amount'g to £138–8–½. & £12–8–1– as p. Copys of said Accounts on File

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 5: 1767 Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newell Rowe.

Abigail Hicks who has been in the Alms House for some years with Her Child on the province Acct. came to the Chamber and informed the Selectmen that she was now able to maintain herself & Child wherefore an Order was given to Mr. Paul Farmer master of the Alms House to dismiss Her & her Child and to deliver them those things to carry away with them which are their property.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newell.

Mr. Jackson, & Mr. Newell, a Committee to view the Gun House, and Report the state thereof.

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Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed by Coll: Jackson & Mr. Sewall two of the Selectmen to receive into the Alms house on the Province Account one John Asken a Stranger who is in suffering Circumstances and has not wherewith to procure help for a Cure.

Passed upon Capt. Atwoods Province Account for the passage of three Persons from the Alms house amounting to £3.. 12— as p. Copy of said Account on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 10. 1767
Present — Jackson, Sewall Phillips, Newell.

Boston, June 10. 1767 —

Mr. Joseph Foye

This is to acquaint you that the [70.] Selectmen are much surprised to find that you still remain in the Hospital House notwithstanding you had so early notice of having appointed another Person to the care thereof, and that you must provide yourself another habitation — Their determination is to wait upon you no longer than this Week, when they purpose to come themselves, and order your Goods & Furniture out of the House —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Mr. Crawford appear'd & pray'd a consideration for the damages sustaind by a law Suit entred upon by advice of the Selectmen for the recovery of what was due to him for work on a drain in Milk Street which Mr. Fulton was to receive for him by order & had not paid him — when he was told that this matter would be considered at their next Meeting —

Delivered Mr. Treasurer Jeffries by order of the Selectmen three Leases of Mr. Gideon Gardner for the Land on Boston Neck Bull Pasture da. — Vizt. Lease for Lands on Neck for 1765 — for £80 — Dittto for 1766 — being £60 — Lease for Bull Pasture 1766 being £16 —

Mr. Joseph Putnam Master of Engine Na. 4—. apply'd for the Premium allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at the House near Deacon Barretts

Voted that he have a draft for thirteen Shillings & four Pence in the last Months Draft which is not yet given in —

This Day the Selectmen agreed with Mr. William Taylor that he shall hold the Granery Cellar unto the 24 Decemr. 1767 which will make two years from the Time he first improved it at the rate of Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence p. Annum.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17. 1767
Present Joseph Jackson, Phillips Ruddock Hancock Newell Rowe.

Thomas Littlewood (?), from London last from Philadelphia came ye 19. of April last appeared and asked liberty of the Selectmen to

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open a Shop in this Town adjoining [71.] The Probate Office for the carrying on the business of a Silk Dyer — whereupon Voted, that he have liberty to open a Shop to carry on his Business aforesaid.

Mr. Asael Plympton appeared, and desires the refusal of a Lott of Land on the North side of the Neck opposite a Pond near the Gallows.

Samuel Frankland Master of Engine N. 9. attended, and proposed Ephraim Richards as a proper Person to be taken into his Company, who was admitted by the Selectmen accordingly —

Voted, that Mr. John Sweetser be directed to procure two Pick Axes, & two Wheelbarrows, and four Shovels, for the use of those Negros that may be imployed on the High Way, — and that those Tools are to be left in his care, he to be accountable for them.

Messrs. Phillips & Newell a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of the purchase of the Hospital at New Boston, & the power of the Selectmen as to the management and care of the same.

It is agreed with Mr. Gideon Gardner to allow him One hundred & fifty Pounds Old tenor for the Shop he has built adjoining the House at Bull Pasture, he not removing the same & provided & upon Condition, that he pay the whole Money now due from him to the Town for Rent of the Houses & Land on the Neck, unto the Town Treasurer on or before Wednesday next, — but if not settled by that Time, than no allowance to be made for the Building, but he will be permitted to remove the same.

Voted, that the Visitation of the Schools be attended on Wednesday the first Day of July next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 24t. 1767
Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock —— Newell.

The Town Clerk is directed to deliver up to John Ruddock Esq his Bonds as a Collector for 1761 — & 1762 — as also the Bonds of Mr. Collector Grant for 1763 — & 1764.

Mr. Richard Sircomb desires liberty to dig a Well in the Street near his House, and will put down a Pump & maintain it at his own charge — Colo. Jackson & Mr. Newell a Committee to view & make Report.

[72.] Mr. Sewall & Mr. Phillips are desired to examine into ye Circumstances of the Wells in Devonshire Street, and Report as soon as may be —

Voted that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen on Wednesday the first Day of July next to visit the Schools, and that they be Notified to attend at 8. O'Clock A. M. at Faneuil Hall.

The Governor
The Honble. James Bowdoin — Mr. Erving
Nathl. Sparhawk — Mr. Flucker
Andrew Oliver — Mr. Pitts
Mr. Hubbard — The Representatives ——
Mr. Gray — The Overseers of ye Poor

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The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D. D.	John Morton Esqr.
Charles Chancey D. D.	M^{r}. John Edwards
Mather Byles D. D.	M^{r}. Downe Cheever
M^{r}. Samuel Mather	M^{r}. —— Loring
M^{r}. Samuel Checkly	M^{r}. John Joy
M^{r}. Ebenezer Pemberton	D^{r}. John Sprague
M^{r}. Andrew Elliot	M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries
M^{r}. Samuel Cooper	Coll^{o}. Henshaw
M^{r}. Samuel Chuckly J^{r}.	M^{r}. Edward Payne
M^{r}. Samuel Blair	M^{r}. John Brigham
M^{r}. Penuel Bowen	Capt. Greenwood
M^{r}. Simeon Howard	Maj^{r}. Newman Grenough
M^{r}. Foxcroft	Thomas Grenough
M^{r}. Benjamin Austin	M^{r}. Thomas Gray
William Vassal Esqr.	Coll^{o}. Otis ——

[73.] M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed by the Selectmen to permit Jacob Skweller who is in the Alms House on the Province Charge to depart thence, he being near well enough to provide for himself.

M^{r}. Jackson & M^{r}. Newell app^{d}. the 8^{t}. Inst^{t}. to view the Gun House in the Common — Report That it is much out of Repair, and in order to accommodate the Train, it is necessary an addition of twenty feet should be made to said Building —

Voted that M^{r}. Robert Pierpoint be directed to new sill the Old Building & give such other Repairs as is necessary — as also to make the addition Reported, as soon as may be.

Boston May 25. 1767

Whereas the Selectmen of the Town of Boston have Agreed to Pave the High Way leading to the Fortification — We the Subscribers Abutters on said High Ways Do Promise and engage to raise with Gravel to a proper highth and pave against our several Lotts so as to conform to the Pavement made by the Selectmen Nine feet in wedth at our own proper charge —

HUGH HALL	CALEB DAVIS
ROBERT PIERPOINT	MYLES MAY
SAMUEL MAY	EPHRAIM MAY
JOHN LUCAS	BENJAMIN EDDY
ISAAC BIRD	EDW^{D}. TUCKERMAN
SAMUEL RICHARDS	SAMUEL WATERHOUSE

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 26. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, —

This Day the Selectmen in a body taking with them a Constable went to the Hospital at New Boston, and finding M^{r}. Foye still there notwithstanding his being so early and often warned to depart, proceeded to remove the Family & Goods, out of the House, [74.] When they put M^{r}. Hearsom on possession, and appointed him Keeper of the Hospital in the room of M^{r}. Foye who they had displaced.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Ruddock Newell,

Jurors were drawn

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The Selectmen this Day Agreed with William Camden Sexton of Mr. Greatons Church North End, to allow him three Dollars p. Annum for winding up the Clock which is to be done by Vote of the Town —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed by Mr. Hancock & Newell two of ye Selectmen to receive into the Alms house, on Province Account one William Donneven, a poor inferm Person, who is a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither has he wherewithall to subsist himself

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 1. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 3d. 1767 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Phillips, Newell.

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting to be held at Faneuil Hall on Monday the 13th. Inst. at 10. O'Clock Before Noon.

Memo. — Mr. Fowle has the printing of the Notification.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5/10 p. Bushel for Wheat and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

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A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - -	2	9
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - -	3	7
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -		4

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6. 1767 — Present Jackson, Hancock, Phillips, Newell,

Voted, that Mr. Timothy Thornton have a draft on the Treasury for Fourteen Pounds lawful Money, in part of what is due to him [75.] For paving work he is doing for the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 8. 1767 — Present — Sewall Hancock —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14th. 1767 — Present Jackson Sewall Ruddock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Mr. John Joy made Application to Open his Drain in Leveret Street & engages to make the Street good again — upon which Liberty was granted him.

Edward Grymes late from Connecticut the 9th. of July Last fell from, Mr. Griffins Wharf & Received Great Hurt & was Carried to the House of Matthew White, for to be taken Care off & Nursed by his Wife — the Selectmen for his Trouble & for the Subsistence of the Sd. Grymes have agreed to Allow them 12/ p. Week provided the Govern^r. and Council agree to it.

Mr. Curtis Master of Engine No. appeared & presented as suitable persons for his Engine Company in room of who have resigned; and they were accordingly approved of by the Selectmen.

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Joshua Kent was approved as a Retailer in the House he has removed to at New Boston owned by Mr. Edward Carnes.

John Bell approved of as a Retailer, in the House he lives in,

Elizabeth Tripe approved as a Retailer in the House she is removed to at the Head of Tylers Ship Yard.

[76.] Ebenezer Lowell approved of as a Retailer at his House near Mr. Barretts.

Ann Brett approved of as a Retailer in the room of her late husband deceased.

The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons licensed the last Year to sell strong drink both as Inholders and Retailers within this Town, and made return thereon to the Court of Sessions — — See Augt. 12 —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 16, 1767 Present. Jackson Sewall Ruddock Hancock, Phillips Newell Rowe.

The following is a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly relative to the Hospital at New Boston — Vizt.

In the House of Representatives June 19. 1767 —

Whereas a good and convenient House hath been provided at the Charge of the Province, at the West part of Boston for the reception of such Persons as shall be visited with contagious sickness, which was supposed and intended to be put under the Care and regulation of the Selectmen of the Town of Boston in the same way and manner as the Hospital at Rainsfords Island is by Law under their care and management, and whereas the Selectmen of said Town have ever since acted agreable thereunto, which in consequence of their care under Providence hath at sundry times been the means of preventing the Small Pox spreading in said Town, and thereby of preventing spreading the same into the Country Towns, which would have been of fatal Consequence, and whereas the power of said Selectmen relative thereto, hath of late been called in question — Therefore Resolved that the Selectmen of said Town, for the Time being, be and hereby are vested with the same Power, Right & Authority, with respect to said Province Hospital, in said West part of Boston, as by law they are vested with, with respect to the Hospital on Rainsfords Island, till the further order of this Court — [77.]

Sent up for Concurrence

THOMAS CUSHING Speaker.

In Council 20t. June 1767 — Read & Concurred

A. OLIVER Scy.

Consented to

FRANCIS BERNARD.

A true copy

Att. JNo. COTTON D Scy.

It is agreed by the Selectmen to visit the Hospital at Rainsfords Island on Wednesday next:

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 20 1767 Present — Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell Rowe.

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Mr. Samuel Adams a late Collector of Taxes appeared and informed the Selectmen that it was impossible for him to give in a perfect List of his Outstanding Debts at this Time, in order for a Town Meeting, being called agreeable to a Vote of the town.

Collo. Jackson, Mr. Sewall & Mr. Phillips & Mr. Hancock a Committee to call for the Money, left by the Will of Mr. Brooker for the Selectmen to distribute among such poor Widows as they may Judge proper —

Mr. Farmer was directed to receive into Alms house by Mr. Sewall & Hancock one Richard Barrett a Stranger disordered in Mind & destitute of the means of subsistance.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 22. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Inventory of Sundry Goods in the Hospital at New Boston belonging to the Town of Boston — Vizt. —

29. Blankets		2. ditto Pans
3. Coverlids		2. Bed Pans
3. FeatherBeds		2. pair Iron Dogs
3. Bolsters		2. pair Tongs & Shovels
4. Pillows		4. Old Iron Candlesticks
4. Pair Sheets		6. Ordinary Chairs
6. Old Matrasses		2. Tin Dippers
6. Porringers	[78.]	2. Iron Skillets
4. Small Plates		Cribbs
3. Spout Cups		1. Warming Pan
2. Close Stools		

Boston July 21, 1767

I acknowledge to have received the above Goods for the use of the Hospital at New Boston, for which I promise to be accountable to the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Boston.

SAMUEL HASHOM.

A true Copy

Att. WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Memo. the Original is on file.

Mr. Sewall & Capt. Ruddock appointed a Committee to enquire into the state of Winnisimmet Ferry, and Report what may be proper to do thereon

The several Sealers of Leather attended, and acquainted the Selectmen that they had commenced an Action for the recovery of a quantity of Sole Leather, they had seized as unmerchantable, the same having been exposed to Sale by Mr. Samuel Hughes, and as it is said was imported from North Carolina and that if the Selectmen would reimburst them the expence they may be at, in case they should be cast, they were ready to go on with the Action.

The Selectmen having considered of the above and apprehending it to be of great importance to the Town that it should be settled and known whether Leather imported is liable to inspection.

Voted, that the Sealers in case they go on with the Action &

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should be cast shall have the expences they may be at by means thereof reimbursted them.

Mr. Wheatley apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to erect a number of Posts before his Dwelling house, which was granted him upon condition of his making good the Pavement soon after.

Mr. Abijah Adams Clerk of the Market being ill, and as it is feared not like to be ever able to discharge that duty — the Selectmen this Day appointed Mr. Benjamin Clark to that Office for the present and the Town Clerk is directed to give him Orders accordingly.

Mr. Ireland who has acted as Constable of the Dock Watch for some time, was this Day appointed the Constable [79.] And the Town Clerk is directed to give him Orders accordingly —

Voted, that the following Advertizement be published in the several News Papers.

The Selectmen, having had general Hints that gaming is carried on and other Disorders are committed in several public Houses of this Town: And that there are private and unlicensed Houses of entertainment the Masters of which presume to sell spirituous Liquors, entertain Clubs — keep a Billiard Table, and allow gaming of all sorts, much to the prejudice of the Youth of the Town — to the Disturbance of many of the Inhabitants, and to the open Violation of the wholesome Laws of the Province — Call upon all Gentlemen and well disposed Persons, who regard the Civil and Religious Interest of the Community, and know of any such Disorders, to inform thereof in such manner that the Keepers of public Houses and the Masters of such Houses of Entertainment as above described may be dealt with as the Law directs.

The Selectmen also desire the Inhabitants of the Town or others who know of any breaches of the Law or disorders Committed by Persons licensed to retail Spirituous Liquors to inform thereof, that proper measures may be taken to suppress such Licenses.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 27. 1767
Present, Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Sampson Salter came to the Selectmens Chamber & produced Receipts, from the Province, County & Town Treasurers, in full for the Taxes committed to Him to collect for the year 1765

Voted, That, He have a Draft for His proportion of the Premium for the year 1765 being £102. 1 : 4½

Thomas Marston, a poor Man on the Province Acct. in the Alms House, having desired to be dismisst, as he apprehended he could provide for Himself: He had an order to Mr. Farmer to dismiss Him.

Dr. Joseph Gardner presented to the Selectmen His account of Medicine & attendance of the Province poor from June 1766 to May 25 : 1767. amg to £164.. 7.. after certain deduction had been made of Moses Godfrey's Bill he not being One of the Province poor. It was then passd & certified by the Selectmen in the usual Form.

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[80.] Mr. William Greenleaf presented an Account for supplying Sundry poor persons Strangers & not Inhabitants of this Town. It was accordingly passt & certified in the usual Form the amot. thereof was £17.. 6 : 3.

Thomas Williston presented His Accot. of the Charges of Selectmen going down to visit Rainsford's Island.

It was passt & certified in the usual Form amounted to £5 : 14 : 8.

Boston Ss: At a a Meeting of the Selectmen Wednesday P. M. July 29th. 1867

Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

The Selectmen of Malden, Messrs. Edward Wait, John Bucknam & Ebenezer Pratt came to the Chamber for a Settlement of the affair of two Women Julia Perkins & Elizabeth King represented to be poor & chargeable to the Town of Malden and suggesting they were Inhabitants of Boston consequently to be at the Charge of Boston However they proposed that they would take One shilling & four pence p. Week for them for Life and quit the Town of Boston of any further Charge.

It was Voted & agreed by the Selectmen to send them with the following Letter to the Overseers

Boston July 29. 1767

Gentlemen

The Selectmen of Malden informed the Selectmen of Boston that Julia Perkins & Elizs. King were become chargeable to the Town of Malden about the first of Jany. last, and that they must look to the Town of Boston to refund the charge they may be put to for their future maintenance or send them to Boston as the poor of Boston.

We suspended the Matter for a time for consideration, and are at last come to a determination that, as they offer to board the said two Women for One shilling & four pence p. Week during Life and acquit the Town of further charge it will be for the interest of the Town to comply with their proposal rather than to contend in the Law about it.

This comes to recommend the completion of this agreement to you Gentlemen, whose province it is to take care of & supply the poor of this Town And we do it the rather as it has been conducted so far with the Advice & Concurrence of some of your Board We are, with esteem, Gentlemen

Your most obedient

J. JACKSON
S. SEWALL
J. HANCOCK
WM. PHILLIPS

John Barret Esqr. & the Gentlemen
Overseers.

[81.] Mr. Joseph Webb applied to the Selectmen for liberty to open a Drain in Long Lane where he is now building a House engaging to repair the Street & repave it to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Voted that he have Liberty upon the Conditions above express'd.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 5. 1767 Present — Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

M^{r}. Samuel Whitwell apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to open the Common Shore in Summer Street in order to carry a Drain into the same; whereupon Voted, that liberty be granted upon Condition that the Ground be made good and the Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Voted, that Timothy Thornton have a draft on the Town Treasurer, for Twenty Pounds lawful Money, on Account of paving work he is doing for the Town — Mem^{o}. the July Draft not being given in, it was drawn for in the same) —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 7, 1767 Present, Jackson Sewall, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 5-10 p. Bushel, and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood —

	lb	oz	dr
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh -	2	9	–
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - - - - - - -	3	7	–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - -			4

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 7, 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 12, 1767.

[82.] Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 13. 1767 Present Joseph Jackson, Samuel Sewall, Ruddock Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons licensed the last Year to sell strong Drinks, both as Inholders and Retailers within this Town and made return therein to the Court of Sessions the last Month — And have also at several Meetings considered the Petition, for Licenses for the Year ensuing, and the following Persons were approved & recommended — Viz^{t}.

Inholders —

Joseph Goldthwait	At his House in Back Street
Moses Bennet	At his House opposite John Tuder Esqr.
Francis Wright	Ditto Salutation Ferry —

Retailers

Robert Love	At his House near D^{r}. Byles's Church
Susannah Griggs	Ditto — — — in Long Lane
James Perkins (of Wine only)	Ditto — — — in King Street
Joseph Waldron	At his Shop in Back Street
Joseph Blake	Ditto — — — Borelands Row
Rachel Masters	At her House near Griffins Wharf
Thankful Wheeler	Ditto — opposite M^{r}. Rufus Greens's
Noah Dogget	Ditto — near Windmill Point

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Isaac Pierce	At his Distill House New Boston
Isaac Cazneau	At his House in Cornhill
Thomas Knox	Ditto, lately occupied by Mr. Atkins
Elizabeth Pittson	Ditto in Fore Street
William Vernon	At his Distill House North end
James Thompson	At his Shop in Wood Lane
Rebecca Balch	At her House in Back Street
Israel Luke	At his Shop in Salem Street
Mary Coulter	At her House near Winnisimet Ferry
Henry Allyne	Ditto — — — near Bulls Wharf
Andrew Johonnot	At his Distill house, Long Lane

[83.] The following Persons Petitioned for License & were disapproved — Vizt.

Hezekiah Cooley	Mary Conell
John Aish	Thomas Carnes
Samuel Smith	John Gill
Henry Henley	William Speekman
Hezekiah Usher	Mary Wheeler
Agnus Gorden	Onner Russell
William Stone	Mary Bullens
Ann Chandler	Mary Ready
Henry Trail	Mary Salmon
Richard Sylvester	John Richardson
Elizabeth Trevoy	James Swift
Daniel Calff	John Stibbins
Dorothy Turner	Mary Kilby
Mary Hall	John Belcher

Boston, Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 14, 176'. — Present Joseph Jackson, John Hancock William Phillips Jno. Rowe.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 19, 1767 Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Rowe.

Mr. Joseph Callender Junr acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into his House as a Maid Issabella Wicker who came from Roxbury about five Weeks since.

The Firewards acquaint the Selectmen that the Town Ladders which are now well repaired, and are placed in different parts of the Town, to be ready in case of Fire, are often taken from those places, by Persons who have occasion for them; which in their Opinion makes it necessary that an Advertisement should be inserted in the News Papers forbidding such a practise —

Matthew White presented his Account of the Charge of Boarding & Nursing Edward Graham a poor Strānger who fell from Griffins Wharff, and was sent to said Whites to Nurse & Board at the Province Expense amounting to £3–12– [84.] Which was passed accordingly — Copy whereof is on file.

Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive again to be supported at the Province Charge Thomas Marston a Stranger; who is unable to support himself — the order was signed by Collr. Jackson & Mr. Sewall, two of the Selectmen.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 20. 1767 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Sewall, Rowe.

The Selectmen having reconsidered the Petition, of Rich^{d}. Sylvester, do approve of his being licensed to keep a Tavern at his House the sign of the Black & White Horse.

The Selectmen having reconsidered Hezekiah Ushers Petition for a License to Retail at his House near the Orange Tree do approve of him as a Retailer.

John White a poor Stranger having apply'd to the Selectmen to find him a passage to Ireland, Capt. Silas Atkins, who brought him from Newfoundland and never entred his Name, with the, Impost Master was sent for, and attended, when he agreed to carry him back to Newfoundland & to take care of him untill the Vessel sailed.

The Selectmen having reconsidered the Petition of Dorothy Turner, for a License to retail Rum &^{c}. at her House in Tremont Street do approve of her accordingly.

The Selectmen having reconsidered the Petition of John Stibbins for a License to Retail Rum &^{c}. at his House near the Corner of Cross Street, do approve of him accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 26. 1767 Present, Jackson, Sewell, Ruddock. Phillips Newell, Rowe.

The following was sent M^{rs}. Ochterlony in reply to one rec^{d}. from her on file

Boston August 26. 1767.

Madam

A Letter of this Date from you to the [85.] Selectmen has been received by which they perceive you have been misinformed or that you are some how under a mistake wherefore they would acquaint you that nothing lyes before them which would Justify their calling a Town Meeting as to Terms we know of none that they have proposed or consented to — On the contrary they well know there has been no Vote to reconsider the Affair you refer to And at present they apprehend there is no altering what has been already done thereon — By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

M^{rs}. Katharine Ochterlony.

M^{r}. Newell is desired upon the application of James Gardner to order the necessary repairs to the Water course running upon the back of his House, through the Land which he lately purchased of M^{r}. Jackson —

M^{r}. Sewall & M^{r}. Phillips are desired to inspect & order the necessary repairs to the Street near Fleets Corner, provided the Abuttors will do their proportion.

M^{r}. Rowe is desired to order the Way near Wendells Store to be repaired —

M^{r}. John Mico Wendell asks liberty to erect a Post near the Corner of his Ware, when Liberty was given upon the usual Condition.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 31. 1767. Present — Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell.

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Mr. Ruddock apply'd to the Selectmen for the liberty to make use of the North Latin School house for exercising his Battery Men — which was granted accordingly —

Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. — Coll^o. Jackson & Mr. Sewall to receive into said house to be supported at the Province Charge Deidree Benway, his Wife Hannah & their Child Oliver, they being Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province; nor having wherewithall to support themselves —

[86.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 2^d. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood —

		lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4^d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh		2.	9.	
4^d. not above ½ Indian Meal	d^o.	3.	7.	
Bisket of a Copper price				

The Selectmen having appointed Capt. James Clemmens to be Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market in the room of Mr. Abijah Adams who is in a declining state and as it is feared not like to appear abroad again, the following Orders were given said Clemmens, which bears date the Day on which he entred upon duty — vizt. —

Boston August 13. 1767

Capt. James Clemmens

Sir

You being by the Selectmen of Boston chosen to act as Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market it is our directions That you observe that the Butchers who hire the Stalls do conform to their Leases. Viz^t. — That they bring into the Market all the Hydes Skins and Tallow of all such Creatures as they kill; that they keep their respective Stalls clear, and at the shutting up of the Market at One O'Clock carry out all the Hydes Skins and Tallow and also all the Beef that shall be cut up that is less than a Quarter and all other sorts of Meal of what kind so ever — that those Butchers who occupy the Stalls do not bring into the Market any kind of Poultry other than of their own raising to sell — You'l Observe that every Person who erects a Stall or puts their Panyers or Carts, within the limits of the Market do pay for the same as follows — Viz^t. — For every Stand or Stall from the middle West Door on each side down to the Street Eight Shillings p. Month or eight Coppers p. Day, for each Stand or Stall on the other parts of the West end of the Market Six Coppers p. Day —

For each Cart with Beef or Sauce or any other Article for Sale that stands in any other place within the Limmits of the Market four Coppers p. Day — For each pair of Panyers two Coppers [87.] Coppers (*sic*) p. Day.

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

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Mr. Joseph Tyler attended, and by the desire of the Firewards complained of John Brown the Master of Engine No. 6. kept at New Boston and of Nathaniel Tabb & Joseph Foye, as being guilty of neglect of duty by not attending their Engines in Time of Fire, the Masters neglect owing chiefly to his Age & consequent infirmitys.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 9. 1767 Present Jackson —— Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Phillips.

Passed upon M^{r}. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £140 — & £10 – 19–7 as p. Copys on file —

M^{r}. Burdick Constable of the Town House Watch attended & proposed John Hyman as a suitable Person for a Watchman, who was approved of accordingly —

The Town Clerk was directed to publish in the several Papers the following Advertizement —

Boston September 9. 1767 —

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen by the Gentlemen the Firewards, that the Ladders belonging to the Town which have been placed at the most convenient places to be ready in case of Fire are often taken from thence by Persons who have occasion for them, whereby the design of procuring those Ladders is so far frustrated; these are therefore to caution every one against taking any of said Ladders from those places for the future except in case of Fire, as such Trespassers may depend upon being proceeded with according to Law —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Passed upon William Todds Province Acco^{t}. amounting to £28–7 – 1½ as p. Copy of the same on file.

[88.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^{r}. 16. 1767

Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Newell.

Passed upon William Homes & Comp^{y}. Province Account amounting to £6 — it being for the passage of 12 poor Persons to Philadelphia as p. Account on file.

M^{r}. Hancock apply'd by desire of the Cadet Company for the use of Faneuil Hall. to exercise the Company some Days to come

The Selectmen have Agreed to view the Fortification Gates next Fryday Morning 10. O Clock —

M^{rs}. Ann Britt presented her petition to the Selectmen for their approbation of her removal to a House near Elder Parkmans House in North Street, and retailing Spirituous Liquors there, and she was approbated accordingly

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[89.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 23^{d}. 1767 Present Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Newell Rowe.

The Selectmen taking into Consideration the Vote of the Town

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respecting the Fortification Gates determined, that said Vote should now be carried into execution.

Mr. Daws is desired to draw a Plan of two Pillars &c. for the Fortification at South End, and also to give in an estimate of the Charge.

The Selectmen having took into Consideration the Vote of the Town passed last January for sending for a Clock for the Old Brick Church, the present bieng represented as not worth repairing — Voted that a Clock be sent for as soon as possible.

Voted, that Mr. Hancock be and he hereby is desired to send to London as soon as may be for said Clock.

Mr. Jenkins Master of Engine No. to be desired to attend at the Selectmens Chamber next Monday Afternoon.

Mr. Williston is directed to desire Mr. Brown the Master of Engine at New Boston to attend at the Selectmens Chamber next Monday Afternoon.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r. 28. 1767 — Present. Messrs. Sewall, Ruddock Hancock Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel, and that Six Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pain, and Livelihood —

	lb.	oz.	dr.
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2.	8.	
A 4d. Ditto, not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	3.	7.	
Bisket of a Copper price		4.	12

[90.] Mr. Jonathan Brown Master of Engine No. 6. appeared and assigned his place as Master of said Engine.

The several persons who have been chose Collectors of Taxes for the ensuing Year, appear'd when the Selectmen acquainted them that the Assessors had prepared the Tax Books, and were ready to deliver them the same as soon as they had qualified themselves as the Law directs, and therefore desired them to declare whether they were ready to accept the Books upon the terms mentioned in a late Town Vote respecting Collectors.

The several Collectors having considered on what the Selectmen had offered, declared each one for himself, that they could not accept the trust on those terms, but were ready to serve the town at the same rate & conditions they had done for two Years past.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 30. 1767 Present Mess. Sewall, Ruddock, Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Jenkins Master of Engine N. 3. appeared, and informed the Selectmen that his Engine was brought to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Caldwells Shop, and therefore pray'd the Premium granted by the Town may be allowed his Company — whereupon —

Voted, that the Premium of 13/ be allow'd them accordingly. a draft now to be given.

Mr. Jenkins Master of Engine N 3. together with the Firewards having represented to the Selectmen, that said Engine was so

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much out of Repair, as to render her incapable of service at Fires — Mr. David Wheeler was desired to inspect the same, who Reports, that it is his Opinion, that it would not be for the Interest of the Town to repair said Engine.

Mr. David Wheeler was desired by the Selectmen to give in to them an Estimate of the Charge of a new Engine, that the same may be laid before the Town next Town Meeting.

Mr. Holyoke Master of Writing School in Queen Street having represented that his Stove is out of repair he was [91.] Desired to speak to Capt. Dows to repair the same and to get Mr. Ruggles to mend the Windows of the School.

Mr. Jonathan Tarbox presented his Petition to the Selectmen that he may be approbated to retail Spirituous Liquors at his House in Salem Street near Dr. Cutlers Church — who was accordingly approbated by them.

Mrs. Mary Marshall presented her Petition to the Selectmen praying that they would approbate her as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at her House opposite the Governors; and she was approbated accordingly.

Mr. Sewall Mr. Ruddock & Mr. Hancock appointed a Committee to represent to the Judge of Probates the present Circumstances of Thomas Stones, who sometime since lived at Lovels Island, and was in December 1761. returned to said Judge as a Person Non Compos.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octr. 5. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe.

The Honble. James Pitt Esqr. apply'd to the Selectmen for their Liberty to open ye common Shore in Cambridge Street, which is now stopt and out of repair; when he was desired to Notify the Concerned in said Drain that they might have an opportunity to enter their objection if any they have before Liberty is granted.

Samuel Hemmenway appeared and informed the Selectmen that he had taken into his Family a Son of one Hodges of Little Cambridge, who is of the Age of Five Years.

Mr. Gowen Brown appeared, and agreed with the Selectmen to rectify the Hand of the Dyal of the Clock at the Brick Church, and to clean said Clock, for Forty Shillings lawful Money —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue out a Warrant for a Town Meeting on Fryday next being the 9th. Inst. at 10. O'Clock Before Noon.

[92.] Voted, that Messrs. Kneeland and Adams have the printing of the Notifications for the Town Meeting on Fryday next.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 7. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Rowe.

Passed upon Mr. Robert Pierpoints Province Account amounting to Six Pounds six Shillings, as being for the passage of Dennis Dunnoven to Ireland, as p. Copy of Account on file.

The Company of Engine N. 6. kept at New Boston appeared, and informed the Selectmen that it would be very agreeable to

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them to have Mr. Josiah Gains appointed Master in the room of Mr. Jonathan Brown who has resigned — whereupon — Voted, that the said Josiah Gains be and he hereby is appointed Master of said Engine, and the Town Clerk is directed to furnish him with Orders for his Government as soon as may be.

Mr. Josiah Gains Master of Engine N. 6 — attended and presented Messrs. Ebenezer Pillsbury and Mr. George Newell as suitable Persons to supply the places of Messrs. Tabb & Foye who have been dismiss'd from the Comp'y — whereupon Voted, that the said Newell and Pillsbury be and hereby are accepted as Engine Men accordingly.

Mr. William Hunt attended, when he was desired by the Selectmen to order repairs to the Mill Bridge.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 14. 1767 — Present — Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Sampson Salter appeared and proposed Messrs. John Salter and Daniel Rea as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his Duty as a Collector.

Voted — that they be accepted accordingly and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds —

[93.] Mr. Abraham Savage appeared, and proposed Messrs. Daniel Malcomb & Christopher Clark, as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his Duty as a Collecter of Taxes — Voted that they be accepted accordingly — and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds.

Passed upon John Hancock Esqr. Province Account amounting to Twinty two Pounds three Shillings and two Pence lawful Money, as p. Copy of his Account on file.

Mr. Samuel Ruggles Junr. appeared, and proposed Messrs. Samuel Ruggles, & Caleb Davis as his Bondsmen, for the faithful discharge of his Duty as a Collector of Taxes — which were accepted by the Selectmen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Trevoy appeared, and pray'd the Selectmen for their approbation of her as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at her House on Mr. Lorings Wharff under Mr. William Vernon Distiller was approved accordingly —

The Selectmen in pursuance of a Vote passed at a Town Meeting the 9t. of October Instant," impowering them either to repair Engine N. 3. or to procure a new one in its room, as they should Judge most for the Interest of the Town; — have this Day agreed with Mr. David Wheeler to Build and provide another Engine of the same Dimensions as the Charlestown Engine, to be at least five Inches in the clear of the Chambers, and to be in every respect compleated as is the Charlestown Engine, for which he is to have a draft on the Town Treasurer for Fifty seven Pounds six Shillings & 8d. lawful Money.

John Ruddock Esqr. signified to the Selectmen that he was ready to take the Old Engine N. 3. and allow whatever it should be appraised at, which Engine he proposed to keep on his Estate at the North End, and to Man her out of his Battry Company.

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Mr. David Wheeler having by direction of the Selectmen vew'd Engine N. 3. and reported that he Judged the same to be worth Twenty Pound lawful Money.

Voted, that John Ruddock Esqr. have said Engine at the appraised value, the same to be delivered him in as good order as she is now in, with all Oppertenances, so soon as the New Engine shall be finished.

[94.] Mr. Hancock Newell & Rowe appointed a Committee to view a Shop erecting at the Head of the Long Wharff, Information being given in that the Street was incroached upon by sd. Building

The above Committee having viewed said Building Report that they found said Building had encroached upon the Street, and that they had directed Mr. Benjamin Loring the Owner to remove the same immediately —

Mr. Hancock having obligingly offered to pay Mr. Clemmans Clerk of the Market Five Pounds p. Month as his Salary provided he had a draft for the same quarterly — it was accordingly agreed by the Selectmen —

Mr Robert Stone having apply'd to the Selectmen for their License to keep a Tavern at thier House in King Street lately improved by Mr. Blodget — whereupon

Voted, that he be not approbated as a Inholder.

Mr. Jeremiah Russel one of the Proprietors of the Drain or Common Shore in Milk Street running thro Water Street untill it emptys itself in the Dock, applyd to the Selectmen for liberty to repair a breach made in said Drain opposite Mr. Phillips's Warehouse, when he was directed to notify all the Proprietors of said Drain of this application that they may enter any objections as also to give in a List of the Names of said Proprietors —

Mr. Edward Hollyday proposes Mr. John Winslow and Mr. Henry Allyne as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his Duty as a Collector of Taxes, the present Year.

Voted, that they be accepted accordingly & the Town Clerk is directed to prepare the Bonds.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen October 21t, 1767 Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Newell & Rowe a Committee to measure the new Pavement leading to the Fortification, done by Mr. Thornton —

Voted, that the Vote passed at the last Meeting which [95.] Approved of Mr. Henry Allyne as a Bondsman for Mr. Hollyday the Collector, be reconsidered so far as to disallow of his being? a Bondsman, and Mr. Hollyday is required to get another Bondsman

Capt. Wheeler of Engine N. 16 — presented Nathaniel Wheeler as a suitable Person for an Engine Man in his Compy. in the room of John Maclain who has left it; and he was accordingly approved of by the Selectmen —

Voted, that Mr. Savage & Mr. Salter, have a Certificate to the Assessors that they have given Bonds and taken the Oaths as Collector in order for their receiving their Tax Books.

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 22^{d}, 1767 Present Jackson, John Ruddock, Hancock, Samuel Sewall. Newell Rowe.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants praying that a Town Meeting may be immediately called was considered by the Selectmen — whereupon.

Voted that the Town Clerk issue a Warrant for a Town Meeting Wednesday next 10. O'Clock Before Noon — being the 28. of October Ins^{t} —

Messrs. Edes and Gill to have the Printing of the Notifications.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 26. 1767 Present Sewall, Phillips, Newell.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel and that Six Pence p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood.

A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 –	8 –	
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	3 –	7 –	
Bisket of a Copper price	–	4 –	12

[**96.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 30, 1767 Present — Sewall Ruddock, Newell — Rowe,

Voted, that M^{r}. Heath have a draft for Forty Pounds agreeable to the Town Vote.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 2^{d}. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell.

M^{r}. Phillips appointed to repair the damage made on the Road against his Warehouse, by means of a breach in the Common Shore.

M^{r}. Sewall appointed to give directions relative to the printing, the Vote of the Town relative to inumerated Goods —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 4, 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Newell, Rowe.

The form of a Letter to the Selectmen of the several Towns was agreed upon — as on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen November 5. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell,

The following Orders were given M^{r}. Gains Master of Engine N. 6. as p. Copy on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 6. 1767 Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

Complaint having been made to the Selectmen that a Servant Girl of M^{r}. Prey had been ill treated, Several Persons were sent for & examined, when it appeared that there was too much truth in the information — M^{r}. Pray consented to give up the Indentures, which was done accordingly — the Girls Name is Elizabeth Momper came from Newfoundland.

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M^r^. Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse the said Momper who is a Stranger & has no one to care for her the Order was sign'd by M^r^. Sewall & Hancock & Mr Whitwell an overseer

[**97.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 17^t^. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe.

Capt. Marshall of the Ship Boston Packet who arrived at Nantasket this Day from London gives this information that he left the Downs, the 22^d^. of September last, and on the 29^t^. discovered Joseph Jeffers had the Small Pox, & on the 7^t^. of October died. the 21. of said October Robert Page broke out, and is now well — that 3 Sailors on board have not had the Small Pox, likewise a Lady and Young Child — the Persons taken as soon as discovered were removed to the fore part of the Ship between Decks, and those who had not had it were removed to the After part of the Ship

Boston Novem^r^. 7. 1767.

M^r^. Samuel Hartley

The Ship Boston Packet Capt. Marshall who is arrived from London at Rainsfords Island with the Small Pox, is to remain till our further Orders — those Persons who have not had the Small Pox but are liable you may take to the Hospital, the Person who has had it you must receive into the well House — You must see the Vessel well smoked & cleansed as also everything between Decks liable to infection — the Letters must be well smoked & then sent up & when Capt. Marshall has a fresh shift of Clothes he may come to Town being first smoked, but no other Persons to be suffered to go out of the Vessel or to come on board, nor no Letters to be wrote from the Vessel without your knowledge —

P.S. The Man who has had the Small Pox must be smoked & have a shift of Clothes before he goes into the Wellhouse, you must strictly adhere to the above Orders.

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN HANCOCK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston

[**98.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r^. 9th. 1767. A. M. Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

M^r^. Hancock brought Capt. Marshall Mas^r^. of the Ship Boston Packett to the Select Men, to receive their Directions, in Consequence of wch. the following Letter was wrote to M^r^. Hartley, Keeper of the Hospitall Island respect'g the Ship —

Boston Novr. 9. 1767

M^r^. Samuel Hartley

As the Ship Boston Packett Capt. Marshall is now at your Island with the Small Pox, And as there are no goods between Decks, we imagine she is not very infectious, however we strictly order you to See all the Bedding, Beds, & every thing between Decks liable to Infection, Carried on Shore, & put into the Store, &

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sufficiently Air'd, & and when you have Taken the Things from between Decks, & Brought the Powder & Deliver'd it into the Boston Magazine, you are then to Smoak the Ship & thoroughly Wash her, & in all Respects to See everything Cleansed & when you Judge she is fit to Come up to Town you will acquaint us that we may apply to the Govr. for Leave to pass the Castle — Those Persons who have not had Small Pox must Remain on the Island & not come up in the Ship but wait our further order; & those persons who have had it must be sufficiently Shifted before they Come up in the Ship. the Person who is but Just recovered from the Small Pox, must not be suffered to come up to Town untill our further Orders —

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston

The Indentures of M^r. Prays Girl which he delivered up by consent were taken by M^r. Hancock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 9. 1767 P. M.
[99.] Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Newell.

Boston Novem^r 9. 1767 —

M^r. Samuel Hartley,

His Excellency Governor Bernard having apply'd to us that Capt. Spry who came Passenger in Capt. Marshall, may be permitted to come up to Town, we consent upon condition that you see him well smoked and cleansed, and also furnished with a fresh Suit of Clothes — He must not be permitted to bring any thing up with him untill our further Orders — Capt. Sprys Wife & Children must be kept at the Hospital till you hear further from us as they are liable to have the Distemper — Capt. Sprys Baggage &^c. must be taken on the Island & well smoked & aird & not suffered to be taken off without our permition —

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN HANCOCK
TIMOTHY NEWELL

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novem^r. 11, 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

M^r. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital appear'd & informed the Selectmen that he had strictly complyed with their Orders respecting the cleansing and smoaking Capt. Marshals Ship, and that it was his opinion that she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants — whereupon

Voted that the Ship be permitted to come up, and that the following Letter be sent M^r. Hartley & a Certificate to the Governor.

Boston November 11. 1767

M^r. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to the Selectmen that you have strictly

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comply'd with the Orders given you respecting the cleansing and smoking Capt. Marshalls Ship and that it is your Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants — Our Orders are that you suffer the Ship to leave the Island, taking care that no one continues on board that has not had the Small Pox, nor any thing [**100.**] Liable to retain infection, that you carefully cleanse and smoke the things taken on Shore, and in all respects follow the directions before given you respecting the same — the People who came up in the Ship as well as the Vessel must be well smoked —

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston

May it please your Excellency

The Ship Boston Packet Capt. Marshall from London, stopt at Rainsfords Island on account of the Small Pox, having been sufficiently smoked & cleansed we are of Opinion said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town with out endangering the health of the Inhabitants if your Excellency think proper — We are —

Your Excellencys Most Obedt. Hum Svts.

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston.

November 11. 1767 —

His Excellency Governor Bernard —

Passed upon Mr. Samuel Hartleys Province Account amounts to £6 16 — , as p. Copy of his Accot. on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 11. 1767

Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

[**101.**] Mr. John Bartlet appeared and pray'd leave to break Ground in order to carry a Drain from his House near the Sign of the Lamb, into the Common Shore.

Liberty was accordingly granted provided the Ground and Pavement is made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Putnam Master of Engine N. petitions for the Premium, allowed by the Town for bringing his Engine to work first at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Goldthwaits Barn.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 18. 1767

Present Jackson, Sewall Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

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Mr. Russel delivered up the Keys of his Store to the Selectmen on the 16t. Instant —

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, attended and Reports — That the Clothing belonging to Capt. Marshalls Ship are sufficiently smokt and aird — whereupon

Voted, that liberty be granted for said Clothes to be taken off the Island, & that Orders be given accordingly —

Mr. Hancock & Phillips appointed a Committee to direct in the Erecting a Beacon on Beacon Hill so called in the place of the one thrown down by the Wind, which proves too rotten to serve again —

The Selectmen having considered the offer made by Mr. Hughes of dropping the Action with the Sealers of Leather, for some Carolina Leather they siezed — do desire Mr. Sewall & Rowe the Committee to treat with him, to agree with his proposal to drop the Suit, deliver him the Leather, and leave it with two Gentlemen to determine what shall be paid for damages —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 25. 1767. Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

[**102.**] Voted, that the Committee appointed to order a Beacon to be erected on Beacon Hill, be desired to procure Points to be affixed.

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island attended & Reports — That the People & Goods which came out of Capt. Marshal are now sufficiently smoked and air'd, and may be permitted to be carried off with safety to the Inhabitants — whereupon the following was given Mr. Hartley.

Boston Novr. 25. 1767.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the People and Goods which came out of Capt. Marshall Ship are sufficiently smoked & aired, and may come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants, you being first satisfied as to the Charges —

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

The Selectmen have agreed to visit the Almshouse on Fryday next in order to enquire into the Circumstances of the Province Poor, and whether any may be sent away to make room for such other Persons, as may need immediate relief from the Province.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 27. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock Phillips Newell Rowe

The Selectmen agreed to accept the Bond, which Mr. Hollyday a Collector of Taxes, has already given for his faithful conduct & behavior in the Office the present Year.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 30. 1767. Present Jackson, Sewall Hancock, Phillips Newell.

Mr. Joseph Henderson, appeared & proposed to the Selectmen that he may be permitted to carry a drain from his House in Winter Street Lane to the Common Shore — Liberty is accordingly granted, provided [**103.**] the Ground is made good and Pavement restored to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.*

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Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel, and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood.

		lb
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread	¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2. 8.
a 4d. Ditto not above	½ Indian Meal must weigh	3. 7 —
Bisket of a Copper price —		—

Royal Tyler Esqr. handed into the Selectmen a Certificate that Michael Deagle & Wife French Neutrals were suffering her husband not having been Assigned to any Town — Certificate on File.

Voted, that Mr. John Joy have a draft for £45. 13. 6 lawful Money being the Towns part of the Charge of paving Leaveret Street as p. Vote of the Town.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 2d, 1767
Present — Jackson Sewall, Phillips Rowe

Voted, that Joseph Putnam & Company have a draft for thirteen Shillings & four Pence being the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with his Engine on Mr. Goldthwaits Barn lately consumed by fire — (drawn for Novemr. draft)

Passed Mr. Joseph Newells Province Account amounting to £2. 15. 2½ as p. Accot. on file.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 9. 1767
Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Newell Rowe.

Capt. Sharp of Engine N. 2. applyd to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with his Engine at the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Edes Bake House North End —

[**104.**] Voted, that Mr. Sharp & Company have a draft for 13/4 as a Premium for bringing their Engine to first at the Fire at Mr. Edes, Bakehouse North End —*

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 16, 1767
Present Messrs: Jackson, Sewall Hancock Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the charge of the Province one Anthony Coffin he being a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having therewithall to support himself — Order was signed by Mess: Jackson & Sewall Selectmen & Mr. William Greanleaff Overseer — (Memd. Mr. Love says he warned said Coffin out of Town, last Winter)

A Committee of the Firewards waited upon the Selectmen, to complain of Mr. Thomas Reed Master of Engine No. — for having contemptuously refused to obey the directions of Mr. John Mico Wendell at a late Fire, and also of the behavior of some others in playing their Engines upon one another at some late Fires whereby many that were attending their duty were needlessly wet & discommoded —

* This entry is thus duplicated in the original. — W. H. W.

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Mr. David Wheeler Master of Engine No. — entred a Complaint against Messrs. Bennet & Mayes, two of his Engine Company, for making such uneasiness in the Company as had made the greater part of the same desirous that the Select men would dismiss them.

Upon a motion made, the Selectmen considered whether Mr. David Wheeler was a Proper Person to continue the Master of said Engine — whereupon

Voted unanimously, that it is the opinion of the Selectmen that said Wheeler having in the Providence of God lost one of his Legs, is not a suitable Person to continue in that Command.

The Tanners appeared and informed the Selectmen that the Butchers withheld the Hydes of the Creatures brought [**105.**] Into the Market. contrary to their Agreement — whereupon Mr. Williston was directed to order the Clerk of the Market to attend at Fryday Morning 10. O Clock

Mr. Williston was directed to inform the Masters of the Engines to attend at the Selectmens Chambers Wednesday next —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 18. 1767 Present. Jackson, Sewall Hancock Phillips, Newell

Upon the complaint of the Tanners the Butchers having Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, were sent for, when they assured the Selectmen that they would make good their engagements respecting supplying the Farmers with raw Hydes —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 23d. 1767 Present, Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Newell Rowe.

The Captains of several of the Engines attended according to order, when the Selectmen acquainted them with the complaint entred respecting the behavior of some of the Enginemen in playing upon one another at some late Fires, to the annoyance of many attending the Fires, — when they assured the Selectmen, that they would propose a Meeting of the several Masters to consult what methods are last to be taken to preserve harmony & good behavior, and that if any of their People should hereafter be guilty of ill behavior or breach of orders, they will return the Names of such Persons that they may be dismis'd — said Masters were desired to enjoin upon those in their several Companys who have not Caps, that they procure them immediately, in order for their being distinguished from others at any Fires which may happen —

At a Constables Meeting this Day, Jurymen were chose for January Courts as entred in Jury Books.

[**106.**] Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house to be supported there at the Province expence one John Henry Rinwinger, who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor has he wherwithall to support himself — the Order was signed by Mr. Sewall Newell & Rowe Selectmen.

Memo. to write the Selectmen of Braintree that Spear & —— is in suffering Circumstances & must be provided for unless soon sent for immediately—

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 28. 1767 Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips Newell, Rowe.

Capt. John Ballard of Engine N°. 1. appear'd & presented Francis Marshall, Ezekiel Walker, & Benjamin Cushing, as suitable Persons for Enginemen in the room of Timothy Brown, George Rumby & John Ballard Junr. who were accepted accordingly —

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel, and that 6^d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz

	lb	oz
A 4^d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2–	8–
A 4^d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal– d^o. ———	3–	7–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - -	4–	12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 25. 1767 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Phillips Newell

M^r. Benjamin Jeffry Father of Joseph Jeffry a Seaman on board the Boston Packet Capt. John Marshall came before the Selectmen and demanded the Clothes and Effects of the said Joseph, having administred on the Estate of the said Joseph who died on board the said Vessel during her passage from London of the Small Pox which Vessel being sent down to Rainsfords Island to perform quarantine; the said Joseph Clothes &^c. were delivered to M^r. Samuel Hartley keeper of the Hospital there —

[**107.**] Voted, that he said Benjamin have orders to M^r. Hartley to deliver said Cloths &^c. he paying the said Hartly necessary Charges

The following Order was accordingly given —

Boston Decem^r. 25th. 1767

M^r. Samuel Hartley

If the Clothes &^c. belonging to M^r. Joseph Jeffry a Seaman who died on board the Ship Boston Packet John Marshall Commander and were lodged with you are sufficiently aired and cleansed you have our orders to deliver them to M^r. B. Jeffry Father of the deceased he satisfying you for what trouble you have been at —

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWALL
JOHN HANCOCK
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decem^r. 30. 1767 Present Jackson Sewall, Phillips, Newell,

Capt. Josiah Gains of Engine N°. 6. presented M^r. Gorham Flagg as a suitable Person for his Engine Company — who was approved of accordingly by the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 6. 1768— Present Jackson, Sewall Phillips, Newell,

M^r. Jackson & M^r. Sewall a Committee to call upon the Executors of M^r. Brookers Will, to make a Settlement with the Judge

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of Probate that it may be known what is coming to the Town out of the Estate which is left to the disposal of the Selectmen.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 8. 1768 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell,

The Committee appointed the 28^{h}. of October last to consider [**108.**] Of some Measures for Employing the Poor of the Town of Boston by reving [*sic*] the Linen Manufacture & in such other Ways as shall be thought most beneficial having informed the Selectmen that they were ready to Report —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue out a Warrant for a Meeting of the Inhabitants on Wednesday the 13th. of January Instant at 10'O'Clock Before Noon —

Ordered, that Messrs Fleets have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 13. 1768 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell.

Ordered that M^{r}. Elijah Wadsworth of Milton, have delivered him up his Obligation for a good young Bull in the room of one he received from the Selectmen before, having returned one to the Satisfaction of the Hayward.

The following letter was sent the Selectmen of Hull on the yesterday — Viz^{t}. —

Gentlemen

We send you by the Bearer M^{r}. Samuel Hartley a Woman belonging to your Town, by Name as she says Jane Lackay, who we have regularly warned out of this Town, she being now in destitute circumstances and with Child. We thought it most prudent to send her to you as the expence of keeping her here would be much more for you to pay than under your immediate direction.

We therefore desire you to receive her in which you will much oblige

Your Humble Servants
JOSEPH JACKSON
SAM. SEWALL
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen, of Boston

[**109.**] Capt. Joseph Gains of Engine N°. 6 apply'd to the Selectmen for the Premium of 13/4 allowed by the Town to that Company for bringing their Engine to play first on the Fire which lately broke out at M^{rs}. Kneelands house in Kneelands Lane so called —

Voted that it be granted him accordingly

Passed upon Augustus Hails Province Acco^{t}. in which an Account of Thom^{s}. Hodson is included, amounting to £3. 18. 4d. as p. Copy on File —

Mr. Burbeck who carves the Capitals for Faneuil Hall was sent for, when he engaged to get the Carved Work finished and put up before the latter end of next Month — he was at the same time told that he should have his pay out of the Mony raised by the present Lottery —

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 20. 1768
Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 25. 1768
Present Messrs. Jackson, Sewall Phillips,
Joseph Gardner Esqr. apply'd to the Selectmen in behalf of his Son in Law M^{r}. Andrews for the hire of the Towns Warehouse opposite the Golden Ball —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Jany. 27, 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Rowe
[110.] Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. Pence p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^{t}. —

	lb	oz	dr
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh,	2–	8–	
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal — d^{o}. - - - - - -	3–	7–	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		–4–	12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 3^{d}. 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall Phillips, Newell Rowe
M^{r}. Ireland Constable of the Dock Watch presented John Fisher as a suitable Person for a Watchman in the room of William Barret who has resign'd upon Account of differences in said Watch.
Passed upon M^{r}. Samuel Hartleys Province Account am^{s}. to £13. 12. 7. as p. Copy on file —
M^{r}. James Wells presented a Petition for a License to sell Rum &^{c}. by retail at his Distill House near the Mill Pond, and was approbated accordingly —
M^{r}. Townsend Constable of North Watch presented William Wallace as suitable Person for a Watchman in the room of Charles Gilkey who is sick —
Whereas Persons not Inhabitants of the Town of Boston who have carried on considerable Business in the Town, and who have been returned to the Assessors by the Selectmen as proper Subjects to be rated according to Law provided in that case, have refused to pay their Rates so assessed on them, the Selectmen came to this resolve that the Assessors be directed to take the Steps of the Law to compel them thereto

[111.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 10. 1768 Present Jackson, Sewall Phillips, Rowe
Betty Peter a Widow Woman who came into this town from Broad Bay about 14 Years ago, appeared and informed the Selectmen that her Circumstances are such as to require some assistance from the public —
Major Payson having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receipts for the Taxes committed to him to Collect for the Year 1765 —
Voted, that he have a draft on the Town Treasury the next Draft Day for one fourth part of the Premium allowed by the

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Town for collecting the Taxes of the Taxes of the Year 1765 being One hundred & two pounds one Shilling and four Pence ½d

The Town Clerk was directed to deliver up Mr. Collector Paysons Bonds for the Years 1764 & 1765 —

Mr. Torrey apply'd to the Selectmen for their influence that the Law relative to Millers which has expired, may be revived, and the the Law relative to Bakers Bread

Voted, that the following Advertizement be sent to the Thursdays Paper

Whereas the Carcases of several Horses which have died of a Contagious disorder now prevalent have been carried into the Common & other parts of the Town & left unburied, whereby some ill consequence are apprehended; these are therefore to acquaint the Inhabitants that such Persons as may hereafter leave the dead Bodys of Horses or any other Creatures so exposed above Ground, will be prosecuted for such offences according to Law —

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[112.] The following was sent the Assessors of this Town —

Gentlemen

It is our Opinion that the following Persons Inhabitants of other Towns in this Province, ought to be taxed here, for the Real Estates they Occupy, and the Business they do here, it being agreeable to Law — Vizt. —

James Russell Esqr.
John Solely
Ralph Inman Esqr
Anthony Thomas
Joseph Palmer
Elisha Doane
Simon Whipple & Compy.
Timothy Folger
Joseph Roach
John Boreland Esqr.
Jerathmiel Bowen Esqr.

We are Gentlemen

Your hum: Servt.

JOSEPH JACKSON
SAMUEL SEWELL
WILLIAM PHILLIPS
TIMOTHY NEWELL
JOHN ROWE
} Selectmen of Boston

To the Assessors of the
Town of Boston

Boston Decemr. 1767 —

[113.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Honbl. His Majestys Justices of the Peace & the Gentlemen the Overseers & Selectmen of Boston —

A Walk and visitation of the Town was agreed upon to be on Fryday the 19t. Day of February Instant 9 O Clock in the Morning, if not fair Weather then on the Tuesday following being the

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23d. Day of said February; to meet at the Selectmens Chamber on the Evening of said Day 5 O Clock — (the particulars on file) —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb 27, 1768
Present Jackson Sewall Phillips Newell

Jurors. Grand & Petit Jurors to serve at the Superior Court of Judicature &c were chose and drawn

The towns Warehouse was let to Joseph Gardner & Son by Mr. Rowe the 17 of Feby. — at £24 — p. Annum.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feb. 22d. 1768 —
Present Messrs. Jackson Sewall, Phillips, Newell,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 24. 1768
Present. Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell, Rowe

Mr. Joseph Putnam master of Engine No. 4. applied for a premium for working first at the Fire which happen'd at Mr. Walley's on Dock Square.

Voted that he have a draft for the Premium allowed by the Town bieng thirteen Shillings & 4d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 26. 1768.
Present Sewall Phillips Newell Rowe

[114.] Capt. Edward Sargent master of the Briggn. Friendship acquaints the Selectmen in writing that he sayled from Bristol the 21: November having thirteen People on board ten of which had had the Small Pox — November 3d. the first Person was taken with the Small Pox, and died the 10t. of December — On Decemr. 17t. the Second Person was taken and deceased the 7t. of January that he was taken with the Distemper himself the 24. December and by January the 15t. he was able to go about again — that since that Time he had smoked the Vessel at Sea & cleansed her, besides heaving over board all the Clothing & Bedding of the two Persons that died — that he got into Piscataqua February 13t. when the Vessel was again smoked & cleansed to the satisfaction of the Selectmen, and all the Clothes on board were washed & smoked — the Vessel came up to the Long Wharf p. last Night — on Consideration of the above affair the Vessel was ordered down to the Hospital

Boston Feby. 26: 1768

Mr. Hartley

This comes to you by Captn. Sargent master of the Brign. Friendship who came to Piscataqua the 13th. of this Instt. having had the small Pox on board said Vessel sometime before her arrival Take particular care to smoak and air the Clothes belonging to the Seamen —

Smoak the Vessel well between Decks after the Good are out The Lottery being well smoaked you may let them come up.

The above orders being duely complied with and the Vessel safe & free of Infection in your apprehension you may let her come up

S. SEWALL
Wm. PHILLIPS
Timo. NEWELL
JOHN ROWE

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Feby. 29. 1768.
Present Jackson, Phillips, Newell, Rowe

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley appeared and acquainted the Selectmen that Briggandine Friendship Capt. Sergeant ordered to Rainsfords Island on Account of having had the Small Pox on board, has been smoked and washed between Decks & the Cabbin with Vinegar — that the Bedding Clothes Spare Sails &c. taken from between Decks & the Cabbin, have [**115.**] Been sufficiently smoked & aired, and in his Opinion the Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants — whereupon Voted that the following Orders be giveing him —

Boston February 29: 1768 —

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that you have taken all the Chests Bedding Clothes &^{c}. and every Article which you apprehend Infectious, on the Island, and had well smoked & washed the Briggandine, you have our permition to let Capt. Sergeant leave the Island with his Vessel, taking care that the Sea Men have a shift of Clothes, and that you are satisfied for the Charge she has occasioned you —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

Voted that the following Certificate be given Capt. Sargeant for the Governor —

May it please your Excellency

The Brigg^{ne}. Friendship Capt. Sargeant from Bristol stopt at Rainsfords Island on Account of the Small Pox, having been sufficiently smoked and cleansed; we are of Opinion said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper — We are

Your Excellencys
Most Obedient
Humble Servants

Boston February 29, 1768 — JOSEPH JACKSON, WILLIAM PHILLIPS, TIMOTHY NEWELL, JOHN ROWE } Selectmen of Boston

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr.

[**116.**] Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p bushel & that 6^{d}. p Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

	lb.	oz.
A 4^{d}. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	8
A 4^{d}. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal —— d^{o}. ——	3	7
Bisket of a Copper price	4	12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 2^{d}. 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall, Phillips, Newell, Rowe.

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Voted, that Messrs. Adams & Kneeland have the printing of the Proposals of the Undertakers to carry on the Sail Cloth Manufactory to be distributed among the Inhabitants by the Constables when they carry about the Notifications for March Meeting —

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Joseph Jackson, & Samuel Sewall Esqr. & one of the Overseers vizt. M^{r}. William Whitwell, to receive into the Almshouse to be supported, at the charge of the Province one Samuel Morbee a Stranger who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, is lame and has not wherewithall to support himself

M^{r}. Love was directed to remove Aaron Rumbey his Wife and Children from the Town House on the Neck to Roxbury where he came from lately —

The Selectmen endorsed on M^{r}. Sutton Byles's Lease of Land on the Neck One hundred ninety six load of Gravel which it appeared to them he had laid on the Neck according to the Terms of said Lease.

Mem^{o}. to write Selectmen of Lancaster & inclose M^{r}. Storers Acco^{t}. — which is on February File

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 5 — 1768 — Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

Voted, that M^{r}. Williston be allowed, for extraordinary services the Year past Ten Pounds —

Orders for Jonathan Jenkins Master of Engine N°. 3 on file to be entred at large

[**117.**] Voted, that Messrs. Adams & Kneeland have the printing of the Notifications for the Annual Meeting to be on the 14^{t}. of this Instant —

Voted, that M^{r}. Hancock & M^{r}. Newell be a Committee to wait on the Rev^{d}. Doc^{r}. Cooper and desire him to open the ensuing Town Meeting with Prayer —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 7. 1768

Present — Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips Newell, Rowe

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen March 9. 1768 Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe

M^{r}. John Mico Wendell appeared and informed the Selectmen that he had received into his Family as a Maid one Mary Whitmore from Medford — when M^{r}. Love was directed to warn him [*sic*] out of Town —

Capt. Sharp N. 2. applied to the Selectmen for the Premium allowed for playing first on the Fire which broke out at M^{r}. Edes's Bakehouse — drawn for —

Voted, that he have a draft for 13/4^{d}.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 10. 1768

Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell Rowe

Passed upon Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to Two hundred seventy eight Pounds sixteen Shillings and five Pence & Twenty Pounds nine Shillings and six Pence half Peny

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Messrs. Ridgway & William Huston applied to the Selectmen for liberty to open the Common Shore in Woodlane running across Fish street, when they were directed to follow the steps of the law [118.] By notifying the persons concerned of said application.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 15, 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips Newell,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 16. 1768
Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell,
Ordered that Assizes be delivered out & posted up of the same tenor with the last.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 27, 1768
Present: Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Rowe
The Selectmen having received a Petition from a number of Gentlemen Inhabitants of this Town to that the Vote passed at the late Meeting relative to Staying Execution on M^{r}. Adams's Bonds, may be reconsidered at the Adjournment on Tuesday next, and that the Inhabitants may be notified of this design to reconsider a move for a Vote by an Advertisement in the News Papers or otherwise
whereupon Voted, that the following Notification be published & a Warrant given the Constables to disperse them among the Inhabitants —
Notification —
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston are hereby informed that the Selectmen have received a Petition from a number of Gentlemen desiring they would make it known to the Inhabitants of the Town that they propose at the Meeting of the Town by Adjournment on Tuesday next to move for a reconsideration of the following Vote that passed in the Meeting on Monday last on the Memorial of M^{r}. Samuel Adams Viz^{t}. — That a further time of Six Months be allowed him for Collecting his Taxes and that the Treasurer be directed to stay Execution untill that Time; in consequence of such application the Selectmen give this Notice that all Persons interested [119.] May give their attendance
By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.
Boston March 17. 1768—
N. B. A strict Scrutiny will be made as to the qualification of Voters.
Voted, that Messrs. Green & Russel have the printing of the Notifications —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 23^{d} 1768
Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe
Information was given in to the Selectmen that M^{rs}. Hobby Widow & several Young Children who came from Reading within the Year, have not been warned out — (Mem^{o} they were by M^{r}. Love 6 Months ago–

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Mr. Mays who attends the Hay Market was directed by the Selectmen to minute upon the Tickets the Quality of the Hay that shall be weighed by him—

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 28. 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe,

Mr. Samuel Lethbridge offers as Mr. Hancock says to be bound for his Brother, Richard Lethbridge, in case he hires Bull Pasture of the Selectmen —

Mr. Nathan Speer apply'd to the Selectmen for leave to break Ground in the Street near Mr. Moreheads Meeting House in order to carry a private Drain into the Common Shore — Liberty was accordingly granted provided the Ground and Pavement is speedily made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Mr. Ireland Constable of Dock Watch presented Mr. James Pike as a proper Person for his Watch in the room of Rhodes a Delinquent —

[**120.**] Voted, that the Notifications relative to a new Valuation, be agreeable to the desire of the Assessors printed, in order for their dispersing them among the Inhabitants —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Viz^t

			lb	oz
a 4d. loaf brown Bread	¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal	must weigh	2 –	8
a 4d. ditto not above	½ Indian Meal	d°	3 –	7
Bisket of a Copper price			– 4	12

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen March 30, 1768
Present, Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips Newell, Rowe

Mr. John Lewis has agreed with the Selectmen for the Bull Pasture, Buildings &c. and all the Land on the East side of the Neck, at Forty Pounds for one Year to commence the 25 of March Instant and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare a Lease against the next Wednesday — he is to lay 20 load of Dung on the Land within the Year, & to keep and leave the Fences in good repair — the Lease to run for three Years — & a N. B. that if the Town calls for it in a Year it is to be delivered up.

Mr. Enoch Brown has agreed with the Selectmen for the Buildings and Land on the West side of the Neck at Thirty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & 4d. for the coming Year Rent to commence from the 25th of March Instant, no Dung is to be carried off the place & the Fences are to be put and kept in good Repair — the Town Clerk is to prepare Leases and a Bond by next Wednesday —

Mr. Hancock & Rowe a Committee to take a view of Mr. Hartleys Boat, and Report the state thereof —

Mr. Symms the Constable of the South Watch was dismissed from said trust —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 5, 1768
Present Jackson, Hancock, Phillips, Rowe

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The Committee appointed on the 30t of March last to [121.] Examine into the condition of the Province Boat, Report that they have had a Survey by Mr. Hitchburne & other Boat Builders on said Boat, and find her upper work quite sound & the Hull in such Order, as will require but a moderate Expence to put her in good Repair —

Mr. Hancock is desired to agree with Mr. Hitchburne to repair the Boat if he shall think proper —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 6, 1768
Present Jackson, Hancock, Phillips, Newell, Rowe

Mr. Ireland the Constable of the Dock Watch was directed to procure about Six Baskets of Coal for the use of said Watch, —

The Selectmen have Agreed to visit the School in Queen Street on Fryday next 10. O Clock, Before Noon, to meet at Coll°. Jacksons if fair Weather, if not

Mr. Joseph Ballard was approbated by the Selectmen as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors at his House the South part of Boston, near the Hay Market —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 13, 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock Phillips, Newell, —

Mr. Murray a Shoemaker offers himself for Constable to the South Watch—

John Hyman offers himself as a Constable to the Town House Watch —

Mr. Procter Master of the School in Queen Street apply'd to the Selectmen for an assistant in teaching Writing Cyphering —

[122.] Boston April 13. 1768—

Gentlemen

We have received yours of the 4t. Instant mentioning the Circumstances of one William Dix as requiring our consideration and relief, but we must inform you that the said Dix is not an Inhabitant of this Town having been legally warned to depart when he came into this Town Novem^r. 20. 1765 and the Warrant returned in the Clerks Office of the Court of Sessions Decem^r. 13. 1765. We would further add for your information that when the said Dix was received into our Almshouse in 1765. it was done at the request of Mr. Robert Temple as one of the Selectmen of Charlestown as they had no place proper to accommodate the said Dix under the Circumstances he was then in, but in no ways was it suggested by the said Temple that there was any reason to suppose he was an Inhabitant of Boston; so far from it, he at that Time proposed that the Charges of his Doctering &c should be provided for by those requesting the Indulgence

By Order of the Selectmen

To the Selectmen of Waltham — WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 20. 1768
Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Phillips, Newell

The Selectmen have appointed Mr. Hancock to take care that

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there shall be no Carriages pass and repass the Common without liberty first obtain'd, and to direct Mr. Loyd not to suffer the Gate to be opened on any occasion except for the carrying in or bringing out Powder from the Maggazine —

Mr. McLary acquaints the Selectmen that he has taken into his House one Ducas a Sailor, his Wife & two Children —

[**123.**] Mr. William Glover applys to the Selectmen for the place of Constable of the South Watch —

Mr. James Carter acquaints the Selectmen that he thinks it for his Interest to be appointed Usher of the Writing School in Queen Street, and prays the favor that he may be removed to said School from the North Writing School where he now is especially as the Master. Mr. Tileston is consenting to his proposal —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 25, 1768 Present Jackson, Hancock, Newell,

Mr. Joseph Bradford, informs the Selectmen that he had received into a House of his one Micah Allen & Wife who came last from Braintree —

Mr. Green appeared, and proposed to the Selectmen that the Green Engine N. 10 be taken into their care, and that they appoint a Master and Men to take the Charge of the same, — he would only with their consent, make this reserve, that in case any part of his own Estate or Mr. David Wheelers should be in danger by Fire, they may then have the right to order said Engine to repair to the place so endangered —

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt John Hancock Esqr. & Mr. Timothy Newell, to receive into said House, there to be supported at the Province Charge one Elizabeth Hubnocks a poor sick Woman who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, and has not wherewithall to support himself. [*sic*]

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6^d p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Viz^t —

	lb - oz - d
a 4^d. loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 . 8 .
a 4^d. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal	3 . 7 .
Bisket of a Copper price	4 . 12

[**124.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 27. 1768 Present Jackson, Sewall, Hancock, Ruddock, Phillips, Newell

Ordered that the Clerk issue out a Warrant for calling a Meeting for the Choice of Representatives &c. agreeable to a Precept on Wednesday the 4^t. of May next —

Voted that Messrs. Green and Russell have the printing of the Notifications for the ensuing Town Meeting —

Voted that Mr. Sewall and Mr. Phillips be a Committee to wait upon the Revd^d. Mr. Blair to desire him to open the ensuing Town Meeting with Prayer —

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Mr. Paul Farmer keeper of the Almshouse was desired to dismiss Mr. Henry Raeninhar from the Almshouse where he has been supported at the Province Charge, he being now in such health as to be able to leave said House —

Mr. Benjamin Wheeler is appointed Master of Green Engine No. 10. and he is allowed for said Engine fourteen Men besides himself, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Master with the necessary orders.

Mr. Benjamin Wheeler informed the Selectmen that he had brought his Engine to work first upon the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Demmings & prayed for the Premium allowed him

Mr. Josiah Gains Master of Engine No. 6. informed the Selectmen that he had brought his Engine to work first on the Fire which lately broke out at Mr. Inches New Boston pray'd for the Premium of thirteen & four Pence allowed by the Town

Voted, that Mr. Benjamin Wheeler have a draft for his Premium of thirteen Shillings & four Pence

Voted, that Mr. Josiah Gains & Compy. have a draft on the Treasurer for a Premium of 13/4d.

[125.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 28. 1768 Present Jackson — Hancock, Phillips, Newell.

Voted, that the Commee. to erect a Bacon, be desired to order a Wire to be affixed on the top of said Bacon [*sic*]

Voted, that the Artillery Company have the use of Faneuil Hall upon their traning Days for the Year ensuing

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen April 29, 1768 Present Jackson Sewall, Hancock, Phillips Newell

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 4v. 1768 Present Jackson Sewall Hancock, Phillips, Newell Rowe

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 7v. 1768 Present Jackson Sewall Hancock, Phillips Newell.

Mr. Carter was present And the Selectmen desired Him to attend at the School in Queen Street the next Monday being May 9th. 1768 according to the Vote of the Town and ordered that Dall should at the same time go down to Mr. Tilestone's School.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 9. 1768. Present Jackson, Sewall, Ruddock, Hancock, Phillips Newell Rowe

Upon this Day Samuel Sewall, William Phillips & John Rowe Esqr. resigned as Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 11. 1768. Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Newell,

Mr. Hancock is desired to let the Towns Ware House [126.] Lately improved by Mr. Russel, to such Person as shall appear for it, & upon such terms as he may Judge proper —

Mr. John Martin appointed Constable of the Watch at the South part of the Town, and the Town Clerk is directed to make out the necessary Orders —

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Whereas it has been represented to the Selectmen by a Gentleman of the Committee of Council, that not one of the Commissioners of the Board of Customs or their attendants are to be at the public Dinner on the Election Day, whereby the restriction of the Town laid upon the Selectmen at their late Meeting is removed — It was thereupon moved by Mr. Hancock to where the above information was given — that the Chairman of the Committee of Council be informed, that the Selectmen are ready to grant the use of Faneuil Hall to the Governor & Council upon the Day of the ensuing General Elections, which Motion was accordingly approved of by the Selectmen, and Mr. Hancock directed to inform the Committee that the Hall is at their service on said Day with the restriction enjoin'd by the Town.

Mr. Franklyn Master of Engine No. 9 — acquainted the Selectmen that one of his Men vizt. Ebenezer Topliff has been so defficient in point of duty as to give general uneasiness to his People — whereupon —

Voted, that Mr. Franklin be directed to dismiss the said Mr. Topliff, and look out for a suitable Person to fill his place

Mr. Franklin Master of Engine No. 9. presented Samuel Breeding and Nicholas Pierce as suitable Persons for his Engine Company in the room of John Grealeaff and Theodore Bliss who have left the service — and said Breeding & Peirce were accordingly approved of by the Selectmen —

Mr. John Potter a licensed Person as an Innholder having removed to a House of his own, a few Rods to the Southward of the House he lately resided at, desired the approbation of the Selectmen to keep a Tavern at his said House, and he was approved of accordingly —

[127.] Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen vizt. Colln. Jackson & Mr. Hancock to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Charge one James Butler a sick Man who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither has he wherewithall to support himself —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse on the Province Account by two of the Selectmen vizt. Mr. Jackson & Mr. Hancock, one William Dunlee a sick Person who is not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province neither has he wherewithall to support himself —

Voted, that Warrants be issued for a Town Meeting to be called upon the Day of the Adjournment, that the Town may determine whether they would choose four Selectmen in the room of Samuel Sewall, William Phillips, [& John Rowe *words erased*] who have resigned, & of Mr. Timothy Newell who purposes to resign on the said day — the above notification was stopt —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 12. 1768 — Present Jackson Ruddock Hancock Newell

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 16. 1768. Present Messrs. Jackson, Hancock, Newell, Rowe

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Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 18. 1768 Present Messrs.

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 19. 1768 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Newell Rowe.

Mr. Fairfield having applied in the Name of the Assessors [128.] To ask the sentiments of the Selectmen relative to the propriety of delivering the Tax Books to Mr. Blodget Chairman of the Committee of ye Town who has demanded them by virtue of a late Town Vote — The Selectmen gave it as their Opinion that under the present situation of the Town with relation to the valuation, it would not be expedient for those Books to be delivered —

Voted, that the Town Clerk issue his Warrant for a Town Meeting on Monday the 23 Day of May Current at 11 O'Clock A. M.

Voted, that Messrs. Edes and Gill have the Printing of the Notification, for the ensuing Town Meeting —

Sarah Allen sent to Almshouse on Province Charge see entred Augt. 2d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 30, 1768. Present Henshaw Jackson Ruddock Hancock, Rowe Pemberton Inches

Mr. Samuel Ruggles one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1766 having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receits in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that year —

Voted, that said Ruggles have a draft on the Town Treasurer for the Sum of Eighty Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and three Pence being his quarter part of the Premium of 9d. on the Pound allowed by the Town to the Four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1766 —

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Ruggles agreeable to his desire may have his Bonds for 1766 delivered him by the Town Clerk

Mr. Edward Hollyday one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1766, having produced the Province County & Town Treasurers Receits in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year —

Voted, that said Hollyday have a draft on the Town Treasurer for the Sum of Eighty Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings and three Pence being his quarter part of the [129.] Premium allowed by the Town to the Four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1766 —

Voted, that Mr. Edward Hollyday, agreeable to his application have his Bonds for 1766 delivered him up by the Town Clerk agreeable to his desire —

Richard Faxten applys to the Selectmen for a piece of Land on the West side of the Street near the Fortification to set up a Blacksmiths Shop, 20 feet front & 25 feet deep —

Voted, that application be made to the General Court for the security of the Pest House at New Boston from the incursions of the Sea —

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The Assessors handed in to the Selectmen, an Account of the Sum committed to the Collectors to Collect for 1766 — Viz^{t}.

The whole Tax	£10401 ·· 6 ·· 2
Abatements	819 ·· 3 ·· 11
as p Mem^{o}. on file —	£9582 ·· 2 ·· 3

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — vizt. —

	lb	oz	dr
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	8	
A 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - -	3	7	
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - -		4	12

The Selectmen Agreed to view the Ferry Ways and North Battery & Land on the Morrow, being the 31st. Inst^{t}. 4. O.Clock P. M.

M^{r}. Love having informed that one Adam Mitchel his Wife Anne & Sons William & George poor Indigent Persons arrived here from Lyme in Connecticut in Capt. Goodwin [**130.**] Of the Sloop Charming Molly — whereupon Samuel Rockwood who is the Owner was sent for, when he assured the Selectmen that he would carry said Mitchel & Family back again to Connecticut or in case of failure that he will answer for all damages.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen May 31, 1768
Present Pemberton,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 1. 1768
Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Pemberton. Inches

Joshua Henshaw Esqr. & M^{r}. Henderson Inches appointed a Committee to view the Towns Land near the Fortification, which M^{r}. Faxton applys for and to agree with him for the hire of the same, as also to discourse M^{r}. Richards relative to the Land he improves —

M^{r}. Ruddock desired to order repairs to the Pavement near the North Insurance Office, and at the head of the North Battery —

M^{r}. William Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7. directed to new Cell the Engine House and make the Door a little longer

M^{r}. Ballard Master of Engine N°. 1. proposed Benjamin Ballard as an Engine Man in the room of Jonathan Brown who has removed to the Eastern parts of the Province — accepted, see June 8 —

Voted, that M^{r}. Stoddard be directed to make an addition of about Seven feet to the Ferry Ways near Winnisimet, and also to give said Ways what Repairs are necessary —

Coll^{o}. Jackson & M^{r}. Pemberton appointed to view the Writing School in Queen Street, and Report what Ink Stands Curtains &^{c}. may be necessary —

[**131.**] Voted, that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Treasurer for Twenty Pounds lawful Money in part for his Services the ensuing Year —

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 4. 1768 Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Jackson, Rowe, Hancock, Pemberton, —

Voted, that there be a sett of the Standing and Temporay Laws of this Province now in force procured for the use of the Selectmen of this Town —

Mr. Rowe acquainted the Selectmen that he was about Erecting a Wooden Building on his Wharff at the South Battery and desired that a Committee might be appointed to view the Ground & determine whether a sollid foundation can be obtained without great Expence — whereupon Messrs. Henshaw, Ruddock Pemberton & Jackson, were appointed a Committee to view the said Land and Report accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 8. 1768 Present — Joshua Henshaw Esqr. Joseph Jackson Esqr. John Ruddock Esqr. Samuel Pemberton Esqr. & Mr. Henderson Inches—

Josiah Gains Master of Engine N. 6. presented Richard Call as a suitable Person for his Engine Company in the room of Michael Homer who has lately entred into the Artillery Company —

Voted, that he be admitted an Engine Man accordingly ——

It is agreed with the Selectmen of Chelsea that that they be heard next Wednesday relative to William Dix ——

The Committee appointed the 1st. of June to view the Towns Land near the Fortification. — Report that Richard Faxten, Blacksmith, have Leased to him for Seven Years a piece of the Towns [132.] Land within the Fortification Gates on the West side of the High Ways begining at the Piquets from thence extending 20 feet Northward upon the Street, and about Seventy feet deep Sea Ward of the width of 20 feet at Forty Shillings p. Annum in quarterly payments, and that whatever Building the said Faxen may Erect he shall have liberty to remove at the expiration of the Lease, provided, the Town shall not agree with him for the purchase of the same — whereupon ——

Voted, that the above Report be accepted and that the Clerk be directed to prepare Leases accordingly ——

The above Committee further Report, that Messrs. Richards and Blake who Rent Lands of the Town near the Fortification be desired to attend the Selectmen next Wednesay, and that a new Agreement be then made with them for the Rent of said Land

Capt. Ruddock is appointed to order such Repairs to the Pavement in School Street, Ship Street & Cross Street, North end as he may Judge necessary ——

Mr. Sam: Ruggles appointed to mend the Shingling &c. of the School House in Queen Street ——

Voted, that Collo. Henshaw, Collo. Jackson & Mr. Inches be a Committee to carry into execution the Vote passed by the Town, at their Meeting in May last, relative to the Erecting a Gun House for the use of the Train of Artillery belonging to the Regiment of Boston ——

Collo. Jackson & Capt. Ruddock, appointed a Commee. to treat with Mrs. Abigail Whitney, relative to Negro Phillis who

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is sick & inferm which Negro was freed by the Will of Martha Bridge ——

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 13. 1768 Present. Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe Pemberton Inches.

[**133.**] Dr. Sylvester Gardner informs the Selectmen by Colo. Jackson, that Capt. Conner Master of his Majesty's Ship now in this Harbour has impressed a Man out of a Coaster of his from the Eastward, with Wood, his Masters Name is James Patterson — the Name of the Person pressed is David Kinney an Inhabitant of this Province —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 14, 1768
Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Rowe Inches

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 15. 1768
Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Jackson, Pemberton Inches

Mr. Benjamin Lee from the West of England last from Newbury, apply'd to the Selectmen for their permission to have Coppers in a Building at the Green Dragon, for the brewing of Beer —

Mr. Proctor the Master of the Writing School in Queen Street applied to the Selectmen for their consent, to his entering into the House lately occupied by Mr. Holyoke, the Widow of said Master Holyoke having removed to her Sons in the Country whereupon —

Voted, that Mr. Procter be permitted to remove to said House as soon as he pleases —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 17. 1768
Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton Inches —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 18. 1768
Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches, —

Information having been given the Selectmen that Capt. Elisha Thatcher in the Briggendine Brittania from Bristol, who arrived here last Evening, has lately had the Small Pox on board he was immediately sent for by the Selectmen, and being [**134.**] Examined declares — That he left Bristol 29t. of April last, And the 2d. Day after sayling one of his Men named Samson Worth was taken with the Small Pox & died, ten Days after that himself & another of his Men vizt. Jasper Tayler were taken down the 27. of May, have had the Small Pox favourably & have been well a fortnight — that the other of his Seamen vizt. William Bellfore Mate. — Jeremy ———, Daniel Sullivan, Stephen Wallo & William ——— were not liable to the Distemper — Jasper Tayler who left the Vessel is is at Mr. Otis's Store — & Jeremy ——— is not to be found & one Benjamin Brown, a Passenger is on Shore — that he has Crates of Earthen Ware & Hemp between Decks, & in the hold Salt, Brimstone, Copperas, Bottles and some Hemp — that he had thrown over board the Bedding & Clothing of the Person who died, and other things belonging to the Sick liable to infec-

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tion, and afterwards washed the Vessel with Salt Water & Lemmon Juce & Water, and aird everything that could become at —

Voted, that it is the Opinion of the Selectmen that the Vessel is not cleansed & that the Vessel and People which came in her be therefore ordered down to Rainsford Island immediately, to be & there to remain and that the following Orders be given Mr. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital —

Boston June 18. 1768.

Mr. Samuel Hartley —

Capt. Elisha Thatcher in the Briggandene Brittania from Bristol, which arrived last Night having had the Small Pox on board, said Vessel with all his People are ordered down to Rainsfords Island, and it is our Orders that you receive from the Captain the Bedding Clothing &c. and all the things between Decks liable to infection, especially the Crates and Hemp in order to their being well smoked cleansed and air'd. After the Goods are out you must smoke the Vessel well between Decks, and not suffer a Man to leave the Island without our leave, nor a Letter to be brought up which has not been well smoked — You are to Report your proceedings as soon as may be —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

[135.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 20. 1768. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches Esqr.

Application made the Selectmen by Mr. Hartley that Capt. Brown who came Passenger in Capt. Thatcher, may come up to Town from the Island, at the same Time acquainting the Selectmen, that he had been washed and cleansed in such a manner, as that, he thought liberty might be given without endangering the Inhabitants — whereupon

Voted, that said Brown may be permitted to come up to Town as soon as he pleased —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 22d. 1768. Present — Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe, Inches, Pemberton,

Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island Reports, that agreeable to the Orders of the Selectmen; he had taken all the Goods from on board Capt. Thatchers Briggandine which were between Decks, upon the Island, and had well smoked and cleansed the Vessel, — that there was Boxes of Glass & Pipes & Casks of Beer packt with Straw still on the Decks, which he would take on shore, when she might be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants —

Mr. Bagnal appeared, and asked liberty of the Selectmen to carry a private Drain from his Dwelling House in Corn Hill into the Common Shore — Liberty was accordingly granted

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provided, the Ground is made good again, as also the pavement to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

Upon Mr. Hartleys Report — Voted that the Briggs. Britania be permitted to come up to Town, and that the following Certificate be given the Governer —

May it please your excellency.

The Briggandine [**136.**] Britania Capt. Thatcher from Bristol, stopt at Rainsford Island on account of the Small Pox, having been sufficiently smoked and cleansed we are of Opinion said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants, if your Excellency thinks proper.

We are —

Your Excellencys

Most Obet. Humble Servt.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN ROWE
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston June 22d. 1768

To

His Excellency Governor Bernard

Boston June 22d. 1768.

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the Briggandine Britania agreeable to our Orders has been sufficiently smoked and cleansed, and that its your Opinion she may be permitted to come up to Town without endangering the health of the Inhabitants — Our Orders are that you suffer the Ship to leave the Island, having first taken on shore the Boxes &c. on Deck, and in all respect complying with former directions

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN ROWE
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES

P. S. You may permit Capt. Thatcher & his Wife to come up to Town, on Saturday next, all their Clothing being first well smoked and cleansed, also Capt. Browns Clothing —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27, 1768. Present. Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton.

[**137.**] Mr. Burdick the Constable of the Watch presented Edward Langford as a suitable Person for a Watchman in the room of John Hyman who has left the Watch, and he was approved of by the Selectmen accordingly —

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/. p. Bushel, and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

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	lb	oz
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - - -	2	8
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - -	3	7
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -		4 – 12

Voted, that there be a visitation of the Free Schools in this Town on Wednesday the Sixth Day of July next, and that the following Gentlemen be invited to accompany the Selectmen therein, and that they be notified to attend the Selectmens Chamber at 8 O'Clock on the Morning of said Day, in order to proceed on the visitation — see June 29t —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 29, 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe Pemberton Inches —

Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford Island appears & Reports, that the Crates of Ware, Boxes of Glass, Boxes of Pipes, & Tin, which came out of Capt. Thatcher are well smoked & aired, as also the Hemp, and that he is of Opinion the whole may be permitted to come up without danger — together with the Peoples Clothing &c — whereupon

Voted, that the above mentioned Goods be permitted to come up, and that the following be given Mr. Hartley —

Boston June 29. 1768

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that the [**138.**] Things which came out of Capt. Thatchers Briggn. are well smoked and cleansed, you are permitted to suffer those Goods or to be brought away, leaving the Hemp untill the last, and taking care that you are satisfied for the charge on the same —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
SAM. PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

John Cunningham a lame Person not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to subsist himself was on the Yesterday sent to the Almshouse by two of the Selectmen Vizt. — Collo. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton to be supported there at the Province Expence —

Mr. Burdich Constable of Town House Watch presented John Seley as a suitable Person for a Watchman in the room of Ichabod Williston who neglects the Watch

The Gentlemen invited on the Visitation are as follows Vizt.

The Honbl. James Bowdoin
Thomas Hubbard
Harrison Gray
John Erving Esqr.
Thomas Flucker
*James Pitts Esqr.
*James Otis Esqr.
The Representatives of the Town
The Overseers of the Poor
*The Revd. Joseph Sewall D.D.
*Mr. Foxcroft
*Dr. Charles Chauncey

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Ebenezer Pemberton
*Mr. Samuel Checkley
Mr. Samuel Mather
Dr. Mather Byles
Dr. Andrew Elliot
Dr. Samuel Cooper
Mr. Samuel Blair
Mr. Penuel Bowen
Mr. Howard
Mr. Lothrop
Mr. Treasurer Jeffries
Mr. Samuel Sewall
Mr. Timothy Newell
William Phillips Esqr.
Benjamin Austin Esqr.
Mr. William Coffin Junr.
Mr. Edwards
Mr. James Perkins
Jonathan Simpson Esqr.
Dr. Whitworth
Joseph Green Esqr.
Dr. J. Warren
Capt. Greenwood
Mr. William Davis
John Scollay Esqr.
Samuel Grant Esqr.
Colln. Marshall
Majr. Cunningham
William Harvey Esqr.
Thomas Daws Esqr.
John Mico Wendell
Sam: Quincy
Alexr. Hill
Will: Smith Esq.
Revd. Mr. Walley

[139.] Mr. Putnam Master of Engine No. apply'd to the Town for the Premium allowed by the Town for playing first with the Engine on the Fire at a House in Ann Street, which was granted him accordingly —

John Bernard a Lame Man came last from Dartmouth apply'd to the Selectmen for relief—

Boston Ss. At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 2d. 1768. Present Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton.

Mr. Brown of Charlestown informs the Selectmen that Capt. John Bowls of Sloop —— is arrived at Rainsford Island, from Cape Nichola, where there is a dangeous & infectious Fever prevailing, and that one of Capt. Bowls's People is sick of the said distemper —whereupon

Voted, that said Vessel remain at Rainsfords Island, untill further Orders, and that the following Letter be wrote Mr. Hartley.

Boston July 2d. 1768 —

Mr. Samuel Hartley

The Sloop —— John Bowls Master arrived from Cape Nichola, with a Person sick of an infectious Fever is ordered down to your Island, and it is our direction, that you take the sick Man on Shore, and cleanse & smoke the Vessel, and then inform us of your doings and the state of things for our Government as to further Orders —

By Order of the Selectmen
WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 6, 1768. Present — Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton Inches

Mr. Hartley appeared & informed the Selectmen that the Vessel Capt. Bowls Master, which was ordered to Rainsfords Island on Account of Infectious Distemper, has been removed from the place

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where he had moor'd her, & that a Person who came down [**140.**] From the Owner had threatened to carry her off without the liberty of the Selectmen, — that he had taken the Sick Man out of the Vessel, and smoaked & cleansed Her agreeable to Orders whereupon Ordered that the following directions be given Mr. Hartley the Keeper of the Hospital —

Boston July 6, 1768

Mr. Samuel Hartley

We repeat the directions we gave you on the 2d of this Instant, Vizt. That you throughly smoke and cleanse Capt. Bowls Sloop, arrived from Cape Nichola and take on Shore or burn such Clothes and Bedding as are infectious, and immediately Report the same when a Certificate will be given for the Governor to obtain a permit, for said Vessel to pass the Castle —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

The Selectmen have agreed to meet on Fryday 3 OClock P.M: to act upon the List of Licensed Persons, laid before them for this purpose by the Court of Sessions —

Agreed by the Selectmen to go down to Deer Island on Monday next, 9 O'Clock, if the Weather is unfair then on the Tuesday following —

see entry August 3d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 8, 1768 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches,

Mr. Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island Reports that Capt. Bowls Sloop ordered to Rainsfords Island as having [**141.**] Had an infectious Sickness on board, was taken from the said Island contrary to the directions of the Selectmen, on Wednesday last.

This Day the Selectmen acted upon the List of Licensed Persons for the Year 1767. and made a return to the Court of Sessions upon said List —

The Selectmen have altered the Time for goeing down to Deer Island, and fixt it to be on Wednesday next instead of Monday.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 9. 1768. Present. Henshaw, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 12. 1768. Present

Mr. Fairfield apply'd in behalf of Capt. Steven Hall for liberty to open a Drain in Cold Lane —

Liberty was accordingly granted him in writing by Collo. Jackson & another of the Selectmen, upon Condition that the Ground and Pavement be made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 14. 1768 Present

Manesseh Marston applied to the Selectmen for leave to open a Drain at his House near the New Brick Meeting House

Sarah Dunscut & Katharine Sullivan sent to Alms House on Province Charge see entred August 2d.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 25. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton Inches.

Passed upon Thomas Hitchburnes Province Account amounting to £12 – 9 – 4 —, as p. Copy of said Account on File ——

[142.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 28. 1768. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton

Mr. Sampson Salter Collector of Taxes for the Year 1765 having produced to the Selectmen his Province Countys and Towns Treasurers Receipt for that Year which were in full for his part of the Tax committed to him to Collect for that Year —

Voted, that he have a draft on the Treasurer for the Sum of £102 – 1 – 4½ being his Quarter part of the Premium allowed by the Town to the four Collectors for Collecting the Tax of 1765 as p. a Certificate received from the Assessors on file —

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. Bushel and that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb	oz
A 4d. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2	8–
A 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal - - - - - - - - -	3	7–
Bisket of a Copper Price - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		4–12

Mr. Pratt of Deer Island is to be allowed for the Repairs of the Barn, this Season Four Dollars.

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen — Vizt. — Collo. Henshaw & Collo. Jackson to receive into said Hospital, there to be supported at the Province Charge. one Robert Low a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself — the Order was also signed by Capt. Partridge one of the Overseers —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed on the 24t. of May last by two of the Selectmen Vizt. Collo. Jackson & Mr. Inches, to receive into the Almshouse there to be supported at the Province Charge, one Sarah Allen a sick stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support herself — the Order was signed [143.] By Mr. William Whitwell one of the Overseers of the Poor

Mr. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Almshouse was directed by two of the Selectmen Vizt. — Collo. Jackson and Mr. Inches to receive into said House July 23 to be supported there at the charge of the Province, Sarah Dunscutt & Katharine Sullivan, who are sick

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Strangers and not Inhabitants of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support themselves —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 2^{d}. 1768 Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.
The Petitions for Licenses were considered

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen A.M. Augt. 3^{d} 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson Ruddock Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches,

Petitions for Licenses considered —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 3^{d}. 1768. P.M. Present, Henshaw, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches
It is agreed by the Selectmen, that non of the Petitions for Licenses this Year which have been passed upon, shall be reconsidered —
Application has been made to the Selectmen by Samuel Wells Esqr. on behalf of one William Dix of Chelsea who is in suffering Circumstances, and is refused relief by the Selectmen of Chelsea on supposition of his being an Inhabitant of this Town whereupon
Voted that the following Letter be sent the Selectmen of Chelsea

Boston August 3^{d}. 1768.

Gentlemen
This is to acquaint you that application has been lately made to us by the Hon^{bl}. Samuel Watts Esqr. for some relief to be afforded one William Dix, on supposition of his [**144.**] Being an Inhabitant of this Town, but on enquiry we find he is properly an Inhabitant of Chelsea You will therefore please to take some care of the said Dix, as upon your failure we shall from humanity do it, and then look to your Town for a Reimbursment of what charge may necessarily arise upon our so doing —
We are with due Respect,
Sirs
Your Most Hum: Serv^{ts}.

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN ROWE
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

To The Gentlemen the Selectmen of Chelsea

The Selectmen have Agreed to visit the Hospital at Rainsford Island on Wednesday next —
The Selectmen agreeable to their Vote of July 6^{t}. did on the Monday following go down to Deer Island and having Viewed the Premisses, found the Barn so greatly out of repair as to require that a thorough repair be given thereto, or a new One Erected —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 4, 1768 Present, Henshaw, Rowe, Pemberton,

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The Selectmen passed upon the List of Persons Licensed the last Year to sell strong Drink, both as Innholders and Retailers, within this Town and made return therein to the Court of Sessions the last Month — And have also at several Meetings considered the Petition for Licenses for the Year ensuing and the following Persons were approved and recommended by them — Viz^{t} —

[145.] Inholders —

Gideon Gardner	At the George Tavern on the Neck
Samuel Breeding	At the House of M^{r}. Warden deceased
Joshua Bracket	At the House in School Street
Stephen Greenleaff	At a House near Hay Market
Retailers	
John Carnes	At his House in Orange Street S. End
Daniel Calf	At his House in Sea Street
Benjamin Rumly	At his House opposite the New Brick
Benjamin Stewart	At his Shop near the Fish Market
Mary Bradley	At her Shop near M^{r}. Kneelands S^{o}. E^{d}.
Rebecca Badger	At her House in Prince Street near Ferry
Mary Kilby	At the Shop near Greenoughs Wharff
Joshua Blanchard	At his House Dock Square
Ann Chandler	At her House on Daltons Rowe
John Hood	At his House in Purchase Street
John Belcher	At his House Royal Exchange Lane
Agnes Gorden	At her House near North Mills
Louis Clouston	At her Shop the Head of Green Lane
James Ridgway	At his House in Middlecot Street
Elizabeth Beudrie	At her House near White Horse
Hannah Watts	At her House in Cross Street
Thomas Ivers	At his Distill House near Mill Pond
David M^{c}.Cloud	At his Shop opposite Gliddens Wharff
John Lowel	At his Store on Hancock Wharff
Robert Wier	At his Distill house South End
Elizabeth Trevoy	At her Shop near Lorings Wharff
Mary Condon	At her Shop near Hicklings North End
William Rhodes	At his Shop in King Street —
Dorothy Turner	At her House in Temple Street
Mary West	At her Shop in Cornhill —

The following Persons Petitioned for Licenses and were disapproved —

Messrs. Daniel Ballard	Messrs. Abigail Maxwell
Elizabeth Delahunt	Lydia Raymer
Sarah Butts	Elijah Vinal
[146.] Tabitha Davis	Abigail Whiteman
Mary Salmon	Henry Henley
Mary Cuthbertson	James Swift
John McLary	Mary Cowell
Rebecca Clarke	Joseph Ellison
Hezekiah Cooley	Thomas Carnes
Hannah Storey	Onner Russel
Experience Gray	Michael Murphy
Tamesin Packenet	Mary Hall
William Dall	John Whitty

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Coll°. Henshaw Mr. Rowe & Mr. Hancock a Commee. to make Provission for a visit to Hospital Island —

The Selectmen having considered the Petition of Jonathan Payson Esqr. for a License to retail at his Shop in Ann Street, do approve of him accordingly —

The Selectmen having considered on the Petition of Ezekiel Cheevers Junr. for a License to Retail Rum at his Distill house lately occupied by Mr. Thomas Jackson was approved of accordingly.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 8, 1768 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock Hancock Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 17. 1768 — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton,

Voted, that Mr. Sweetser be directed to send one William Dix, to the Town of Chelsea by a Constable, he having been legally warned to depart this Town, —

Passed upon Samuel Hartleys Province Account for Wood amounting to £6 ,, 16 – as p. Copy on File —

[147.] Voted, that one Mehettable Slocum, who it is said is an Inhabitant of Dorchester, be immediately Carried there by a Constable, and that Mr. Sweetser be directed accordingly —

Mr. Sweetser was directed to send one Nicholas Andross & Susannah his Wife, to Marblehead by a Constable, they having been properly warned out —

Memo. the Affair of Browns Vessel is to be considered by the Selectmen —

Obediah Curtis Master of Engine N° 8 — presented William Curtis & Joseph Ford, as proper Persons for his Engine Company in the room of Thomas, & Ebenezer Hickley, who have left it —

He also presented John Hinckley & Samuel Hodgdon, as suitable Persons for his Company which 2 Persons were added to his Compy. by a Vote of Selectmen sometime past which makes the whole Number including the Master amount to 15 Men —

William Sutton Master of Engine N° 7. presented to the Selectmen John Burrell as a suitable Person for his Company in the room of Ebenezer Belcher Smith deceased, who was approved of accordingly —

Mess: Henshaw & Inches appointed a Committee to order the necessary Repairs to the Neck —

Mr. Fellows applyd to the Selectmen for liberty to break Ground in South Street near Coll°. Hills, in order to carry a drain from his House into the Common Shore, when Liberty was granted upon Condition, that the Ground be made good to the satisfaction of the Selectmen —

[148.] William Reed Esqr. having Petitioned the Selectmen for liberty to put down Posts by his House in order to preserve his Cellar Doors from the damage occasioned by the passing & repassing Carriages, —

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Coll°. Jackson & M^r^. Pemberton were appointed a Committee to view the Ground & give the necessary directions respecting the placing of the same.

M^r^. Paul Farmer Keeper of the Alms house was directed to receive into said House to be there supported at the Province Charge untill cured of his Lameness, one Charles Ryley, a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself— the Order was signed by Coll°. Henshaw & Coll°. Jackson, two of the Selectmen.

Capt. Gyles Harris presented a Petition for a License to retail Spirituous Liquors at his House in North Street, and was

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 24, 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton,

M^r^. William Greenleaff having apply'd to the Selectmen for liberty to break Ground near his House in Wings Lane in order to carry a Drain into the Common Shore when Liberty was accordingly granted, provided that he makes good the Ground & Pavement to their Satisfaction —

D^r^. Richard Hyron having Reported that David Diamond who was ordered to Rainsfords Island on account of an infectious Distemper, might now with safety to himself & the Inhabitants leave the Hospital — Liberty was accordingly granted him —

James Gardners Petition see Novem^r^. 17 — 1768

[**149.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 29. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Pemberton,

The Selectmen have received an Obligation from M^r^. William Whitwell of this Town Merch^t^. for the payment of One hundred Dollars or Thirty Pounds lawful Money on or before the First Day of August 1771. payable to such persons as shall within a certain time raise the greatest number of Mulberry Trees conditioned as by Referrence to said Obligation on the File of Bonds &^c^. may fully appear. —

In consequence of the above the following Advertizement was sent Messrs. Edes & Gill for a place in their Paper — Viz^t^.

Whereas the Publick were informed in the Supplement of Edes and Gills Gazettee of the 15. of August Instant "that a Gentle-"man in Boston had deposited One hundred Dollars in the hands "of the Selectmen of this Town to be distributed by them to any "Inhabitant of this Province in Premiums to encourage the rais-"ing *of Mulberry Trees.*" We the Subscribers do therefore hereby promise and engage as Selectmen of the Town of Boston & for our Successors in that Office to distribute and pay the said One hundred Dollars at the time and agreeable to the manner set forth in the Information & Proposals above referred to —

JOSHUA HENSHAW
JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston Aug 28. 1768 —

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with the Obligation —

Ordered

Voted, that W^m^. Cooper the Clerk have a Draft for £20 — in p^t^. of Services —

[150.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augt. 31. 1768 Present Henshaw, Hancock — Pemberton, Inches.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat 6/ p. Bushel, and that 6^d^. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows Viz^t^. —

	lb	oz	dr.
A 4^d^. Loaf brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh - - - - - - - - -	2	8	–
A 4^d^. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal —— d°. ——	3	7	–
Bisket of a Copper price - - - - - -	4	12	

Benjamin Wheeler Master of Green Engine N. 10 — presented Jeffry Richardson, Thomas Wheeler,

James Blake, Nathaniel Bradley as suitable Persons for their Engine Comp^y^. in the room of David Wheeler, David Wheeler Junr. Thomas Wheeler Eph^m^ Jackson, who have left the same — whereupon

Voted, that they be accepted accordingly —

Coll°. Miller appear'd & proposed giving Bond for the Debt due from his late Father dec^d^. to the Estate of M^rs^. Brooker deceased, the Town being Residuary Legatees —

The Clerk was directed to publish several Extracts of an Act of the Province relative to Firing Guns loaded with Shot &^c^. in the Common &^c^.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^t^. 7, 1768

Present Joseph Jackson & John Ruddock, Hancock

Capt. Vernon Applied for Leave to Set post Before his House in North Street which was Granted —

W^m^. Sutton Master of Engine N°. 7 presented W^m^. Harsey as a man for S^d^. Engine in the Room of Edward Basset Removed out of Town

Voted that he be accepted accordingly —

[151.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r^. 10th 1768 Present Jackson Ruddock, Hancock Rowe

A Petition from a Considerable number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston was Read praying that under the present Circumstances of the Town & the Reports that Troops are soon Expected to Arrive here, a meeting of the Town may be Called, whereupon Voted, that a Notification be issued for a Town Meeting on Tuesday 13 Septr 1768 at 9 °Clock A.M. & that Edes & Gill print the Notifications —

Passed upon M^r^. Paul Farmers Province Accounts amounting to £266–0–11¾ & £20–11–9— as p. Copys on File —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septem^r^. 11, 1768 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe

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Information was given the Selectmen that a Tar Barrel had been put in the Beacon

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 12. 1768 A.M. Present Messrs. Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock

A Letter from the Secretary inclosing a Vote of Council relative to the Tar Barrel which was the other Night by a Person or Persons unknown put into the Skillet of the Beacon on Beacon Hill —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr 13. 1768 Present — Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton —

Boston Septem^{r}. 13, 1768

M^{r}. Samuel Hartley

We having been informed that M^{r}. Adam Cogswell of Newbury has brought to the Hospital Island Peter Shalden who has the Small Pox, it is our order that you receive said Shelden into the Hospital & take proper care of him, & not suffering any Person to come on the Island, nor upon the recovery of said Shelden to suffer him to depart the Island without our order. The Person or Persons who brought the Men with the Small Pox [**152.**] You are not to suffer to come up to Boston, nor the Vessel without our order, but if they incline to return to Newbury you must advise them to take particular care to air their Clothes and cleanse their Vessel least they carry the Infection to Newbury —

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN RUDDOCK
JOHN HANCOCK
SAM: PEMBERTON
} Selectmen of Boston

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sept. 14, 1768. A.M. Present Jackson, Ruddock,

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house by two of the Selectmen — vizt. — Joseph Jackson & John Ruddock, to be supported there at the public charge one Richard Swansbury, a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province nor having wherewithall to support himself.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 14 1768 P.M. Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton —

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 15, 1768 A.M. Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 15. 1768 P.M. Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Pemberton

Boston Ss: At a meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 18. 1768. Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton.

[**153.**] The Selectmen by desire met a committee of the Board at the Council Chamber; when the said Committee ex-

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pressed their desire that the Selectmen would acquaint them what method or mode of placing the Troops expected in this Town in a short time would be least disagreeable to the People — they also laid the following Letters or Extracts of Letters before them —

New York Septem^{r}. 12. 1768.

Sir

Having received his Majestys Commands to order Troops forthwith to Boston, I am to acquaint you that in obedience thereto, I have directed his Majestys 14^{t}. & 29th. Regiments under the Command of Lieu^{t}. Coll^{o}. Dalrimple to embark at Hallifax and proceed to Boston as soon as possible. One of the Regiments is ordered for the present to Castle William the other to the Town, and I am to beg the favor of you to see that the said Troops are provided with Quarters on their arrival in your Government as by Law directed —

I have the Honor to be with great Regard

Sir

Your most obed^{t}. hum. Servt.

His Excellency Governor Bernard THOMAS GAGE

Extract of a Letter from the East of Hillsborough to Govr. Bernard dated Whiteall 30^{t} July 1768 —

"I am Commanded by the King to acquaint you that his Majesty "has thought fit after taking the Opinion & advice of his principal "Servants thereupon, to signify his pleasure that the Troops "intended for the relief of North America in the next Spring, "consisting of two Regiments from Ireland should be immediately "sent over to America & landed at Boston. Transport Vessels "are preparing with all possible dispatch in order to proceed to "Corke to take on board the said Regiments which are to be "Aughmented by draughts to 500 Men each, and I am to signify "to you his Majestys Commands that you do in concert with the "Commander in Chief take every necessary [**154.**] Step for the "reception and accommodation of those Troops —

"I am further commanded to acquaint you that the Frigate "which will convey the Transports from Ireland to Boston, to-"gether with a Ship of the Line now preparing for the reception "and conveyance of Lord Botetourt, whom his Majesty has "thought fit to appoint his Lieu^{t}. & Governor General of Virginia, "will have orders to remain in those Seas, in case the Commander "in Chief of his Majestys Forces shall be of Opinion that his "Majestys service requires it."

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 21. 1768 A.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton.

M^{r}. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Almshouse to be supported at the Charge of the Province one ——— Ryan a sick Person who is a Stranger & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province, nor having wherewithall to support himself — the Select-

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men who signed the Order — are — John Hancock & Sam: Pemberton Esqr.

The Selectmen having considered the Motion of a Committee of the Council of this Province respecting the Regular Troops soon expected from Hallifax, waited on said Committee this Day and acquainted them that it was their Opinion that the Act of Parliament relative to Billeting Troops, points out, that when any Barracks are provided by any of the Colonies where Troops shall be sent, that such Troops shall be quarter'd in those Barracks; and further that the Barracks Erected on Castle Island at the Province Charge for the purpose aforesaid are fully sufficient to receive the said Troops —

[**155.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 21st. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson Ruddock Hancock Rowe, Pemberton. P.M.

Jury Men for October Court were drawn out of the Jury Box —

Voted, that Capt. Ruddock & M^{r}. Rowe be & hereby are appointed a Committee to Agree to Erect a Building at the North Battery for the exercising the Men and for keeping the Stores — said House to be of the Dimensions following — Viz^{t}. — 50 feet long, 18 feet width, 10 feet Stud with a pitch'd Roof —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sepr. 23^{d}. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton Inches.

A Letter from a Committee of the Town of Salem was laid before the Selectmen, — and the following answer was directed.

Gentlemen

The Selectmen received yours of the 21 Inst^{t}. and in answer to your question relative to the particular business of the Committee convened in Boston, have directed me to enclose you this Days News Paper containing the whole of their proceedings hithertoo

By Order of the Selectmen

WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

To

Mess: John Pickering

to be communicated

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Sep^{t}. 26. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ [**156.**] p. Bushel and that 6^{d} p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows — Viz^{t}. —

		lb	oz
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh		2	8
a 4^{d}. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal —	do. —	3	7
Bisket of a Copper price		4	12

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Mr. Thomas Mewse appeared and acquaints the Selectmen that he came in Capt. Bruce has one Child a Son. came from Nowalk County in England & the town of Norwich, is acquaint with the Weaving Business in the Silk & Woolen way —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septr. 28, 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 29. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock Pemberton, Inches —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 30, 1768 A.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson, . Pemberton, Inches —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Septemr. 30. 1768. P.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches

A number of His Majestys Justices were present, but nothing transacted, matter of minuting.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 1. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

This Day Collo. Dalrimple sent a Message to the Selectmen desiring a conference, with them at 3 · O'Clock [**157.**] Which was accordingly complied with, when he required quarters for the 14t. & 29t Regiments of his Majestys Troops now in this Town, upon which the Chairman of the Selectmen reply'd in their behalf that they had not been able since his application to them to inform themselves thouroughly whether as Selectmen it was in their province to take any steps relative to the quartering of his Majestys Troops, but if they were certain that it was their duty, they should not look upon themselves authorised so to do untill agreeable to an Act of Parliament the Barrack provided by the Government were filled, the Colonel being asked by the Selectmen, what was the number of the Troops in Town answer'd about 1200 —

The Collo. afterwards represented to the Selectmen that he had not a sufficient number of Tents for his Troops and entreated of them as a favor the use of Faneuil Hall for one Regiment to lodge in till Monday following, promissing upon his honor to quit said Hall at that time — in consequence of said request & taking into consideration the hardship of the Troops must be exposed to while remaining in the open air, the Selectmen consented thereto —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 3d. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 4t. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock Hancock, Pemberton, Inches,

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Yesterday Mr. Rowe acquainted the Selectmen, that Collo. Delrimple sent his Compliments to them, & asked the favor of having the further use of Faneuil Hall till Wednesday next, when he would withdraw his Troops from thence — to which request the Selectmen consented —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 5th. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton & Inches —

Mr. Rowe acquainted the Selectmen that he had seen Collo. Delrimple, who informed him that it was not in his power [**158.**] To remove the Soldiers from Faneuil Hall, but that Barracks were provided and as soon as they were ready the Troops would be removed to them —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 10. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

[Memo. Mr. Pemberton has taken the By Law Book to his House Recd. again]

Mr. Williston directed to notify Collo. Green Mr. Mayes and Mr. Pierpoint to attend the Selectmen on the affair of South Battery & Fortification, at their Chamber to morrow afternoon 3. O'Clock.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 11. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octor. 12. 1768 Present Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton Inches

Mr. Samuel Hartley Keeper of the Hospital at Rainsford Island having Reported to us that one Peter Sheldon who came from Newbury with the Small Pox, is now well and thoroughly cleansed the following Orders were given

Boston October 12. 1768

Mr. Samuel Hartley

You having Reported to us that one Peter Sheldon from Newbury with the Small Pox, sent to the Hospital by our consent, is now well and so thoroughly cleansed that he may leave the Island with safety; you are therefore permitted to suffer him to depart, first securing the Charge you have been at on his Account

JOSEPH JACKSON
JOHN HANCOCK
SAMUEL PEMBERTON
HENDERSON INCHES
} Selectmen of Boston

[**159.**] Mr. John Sweetser attended, and gave notice to the Selectmen that having lately married a Daughter who kept his House he must in consequence be so confined, as will prevent his further attending the duty of warning Strangers to depart this Town —

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 18. 1768 Present, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 19, 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches,

M^{r}. Hunt Master of the North Grammar School informed the Selectmen that his state of health required his making a tour in the Country which he should do provided he received their consent which was granted as also that he might leave the Charge of the School to his Brother during his absence, which he thought might be a Week —

M^{r}. Henshaw, Hancock & Inches a Committee to view the Pest House at New Boston, and Report the necessary Repairs —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 20, 1768, Present

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 21, 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Pemberton Inches,

Voted that the following Letter be sent Coll^{o}. Dalrymple

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Selectmen to address you by Letter, Requesting that Faneuil Hall which is now occupied by part of your Regiment, and was to be cleared agreeable to your assurances when desired, may be delivered up this Day or to Morrow

By Order of the Selectmen.

Answers return'd & on file WILLIAM COOPER Town Clerk

[**160.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 26. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Inches.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 27. 1768 A.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Pemberton.

The Selectmen received this Day a Message from Coll^{o}. Dalrymple, by M^{r}. Rowe, acquainting them, that the Hall should be cleared & delivered this Evening agreeable to their requirement

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 27. 1768 P.M. Present. Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Inches

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 29. 1768 P.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

Voted, that the Swing Bridge be taken down and Rails put up, and that Coll^{o}. Jackson & M^{r}. Hancock be a Comm^{ee}. to see the same effected.

[Taking Depositions relative to Capt. Willson & Negros.]

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Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 31. 1768, A.M. Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

[Taking Depositions relative to Capt. Willson & Negros]

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Octo^{r}. 31, 1768 — P.M. Present Henshaw, Jackson

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6 / p. Bushel & that 6^{d}. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows Viz^{t}. —

	lb	oz	d
A 4^{d}. Loaf Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2 –	8 –	
a 4^{d}. ditto not above ½ Indian Meal — d^{o}. —	3 –	7 –	
Bisket of a Copper price — —	–	4 –	12

The Several Constables of the Watch directed by the [**161.**] Selectmen, to be watchful of the Negros & to take up those of them that may be in gangs at unseasonable hours —

Zachary Johnnot Esqr. Messrs. Nathan Spear, William Foster & others enter their Complaint with the Selectmen against John Willson Esqr. of the 59 Regiment of Foot, for practising on their Negro Servants to induce them immediately to enter into a dangerous conspericy against their Masters promissing them their freedom as a reward — whereupon M^{r}. Justice Ruddock was desired by the Selectmen to take the several Affidavits relative to the above mentioned complaint —

In consequence of the above the Selectmen lodged a Complaint in Writing with the Worshipfull Richard Dana Esqr. & John Ruddock Esqr. two of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk & the Quorum —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 2^{d}. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe Inches,

M^{r}. Hancock desired to put the Common in proper order it having been left other ways by the Troops —

M^{r}. Hughs had liberty of the Selectmen to stop the street near his House in order to repair a Cellar which is to be done with all dispatch —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 3. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Rowe Inches

Const^{ble}. Martin of the South Watch having been abused & threatened the last Night, the Selectmen advise — that their Names may be found out, & they prosecuted according to Law —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 4. 1768 Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock Hancock Rowe Inches

[**162.**] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1768 — Present Henshaw Jackson, Hancock, Inches A.M.

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Mr. Moore the Carpenter forbid removing the Swing Bridge or doing anything thereon, untill the further Orders of the Selectmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 7. 1768. P.M. Present Jackson, Hancock,

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 9. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches

Collo. Jackson & Mr. Hancock appointed a Committee to order proper Repairs for the Swing Bridge

Mr. Ruddock & Mr. Pemberton appointed a Committee to draw up a Letter to Mr. Agent Deberdt relative to a state of our affairs

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 11. 1768 Present Henshaw, Ruddock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 12. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

Voted, that the Clerk be directed to take the directions of Mr. Ruddock respecting the printing some extracts from the Laws relative to the Town Watch —

Voted that a Letter Original of which is on file and of this date, be sent Mr. Deberdt, and a Copy thereof with the necessary alterations to John Pownal Esqr. —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novemr. 14. 1768 — Present Henshaw, Jackson Ruddock, Hancock Pemberton Inches

Ordered by the Selectmen that no Copy of the [**163.**] Letters to Mr. Pownal & Deberdt be taken or given out by the Clerk —

Upon information of the Small Pox having been in some of the transports — Mr. Henshaw, Jackson, & Inches appointed a Committee to wait upon General Gage, inform him of some of the People from those Vessels having come on shore contrary to Law —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 15. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Rowe, Pemberton, Inches

see the Report hereunder —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 16. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson Ruddock, Hancock Pemberton, Inches,

The Committee chose on the 14t. Inst. to wait upon General Gage Report, that had according waited upon him, & acquainted him with the Reports that the Small Pox had been lately on board some of the transports from Ireland, as also with the Laws respecting Bringing in Infectious Distempers; they were well received by the General who told them, One of his Aid De Camps with the

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Dr. Mate of one of the Ships & the Officer of another should wait upon them at their Chamber to give an account of the state of those Vessels —

Mr. Hanfield Commanding Officer of the Troops on board of the Ship Unity Capt. Benjamin Fowler, attended, & informed that after they left Cork two Children was suspected of having the Small Pox, whereupon they were put forward in the Ship and such precautions taken, that altho there was above 40 Persons on board liable to take the infection, not one of them have taken it, and that it is now above Six Weeks since their recovery from that disorder, which proved very favorable; & that the people would be landed at the Castle — about 40 married Women came in the Ship —

The Sirurgeons Mate of the Ship Robert Capt. William Nichols was brought to the Chamber by Mr. Kimble the General Aid De Camp, who informed, that since they left Cork, five Persons had been taken [**164.**] With the Small Pox two of whom had deceased one of them Six Weeks ago — that no one has been complaining or sick of the Distemper on there three Weeks past, and they would see that none of the Six Persons on board liable to have the Disorder, came up to Town — & that the greater care would be taken to prevent the Infections being communicated — about 10 Married Women came in the Ship —

Mr. Paul Farmer was directed to receive into the Alms house on the Province Account one Jacob Smith a poor sick Man a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province — Joseph Jackson & Samuel Pemberton two of the Selectmen signed the order as did Royal Tyler Esqr. one of the Overseers — dated Novemr. 12 —

Voted, that the Perambulation between Roxbury and this Town be on Tuesday next at 10 O'Clock Before Noon and that a Letter be wrote to the Selectmen as usual & a Dinner provided by the Clerk at Mr. Gardners on the Neck — Mr. Adams & Dr. Cooper to be invited — Return on File

Suffolk Ss: To the Gentlemen the Selectmen of Boston

The Petition of James Gardner of Boston Truckman

Humbly Sheweth —

That the Water Course passing through the Land which he lately purchased of Mr. Thomas Jackson, greatly incommodes his Family and is now undermining the foundation of his House for which reason he learns that the Selectmen intended to pave the Ground, but your Petitioner is of opinion that it would be of more general benefit if a Drain was sunk & the waste Water was conveyed under Ground; which he is ready to engage to do, as is Mr. Thomas Ivers, that he will maintain the said Drain for ever provided you will be so good as to make them an allowance of what sum you apprehend the charge of the pavement you have proposed will amount to. He therefore humbly prays such an allowance from your Honors on condition that himself & Mr. Ivers performs what is above proposed, & as in duty bound shall pray &c.

JAMES GARDNER

Boston Augt. 24, 1768

Memo. Original on file.

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[165.] The Selectmen having considered of Mr. James Gardners Petition —

Voted, that he be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds lawful Money, as a full recompence for what he has performed, condition'd as in the said Petitions and that he have a draft for the same the next draft Day —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen, at the George Tavern — Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock Inches

The Selectmen of this Town together with the Selectmen of Roxbury next, and perambulated the Boundary Line between the Towns as p. particulars on file —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 28. 1768 Present Henshaw Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton, Inches

The Assessors inform that the Tax Books are prepared and ready for the Collectors, when the Selectmen shall please to direct it —

Memo. Mr. French is to have a draft by Mr. Ruddock

Mr. Ireland Constable of the Dock Watch having complained to the Selectmen that they were insulted & interrupted in their duty by some Officers of the Regiments in Town — Mr. Williston was directed to require the attendance of two of them, who accordingly came to the Chamber; acknowledged the charge, but imputed their behavior to the effects of Liquor — The Chairman gave them a reprehension & cautioned them against such a behavior for the future; which would oblige the Selectmen to take such a notice of, as would prove disagreeable to them all —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Novr. 30. 1768 Present Jackson, Rowe Pemberton, Inches

Ordered, that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat at 6/ p. bushel & that 6d. p. Bushel be allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows — Vizt. —

	lb	oz	dr
[166.] A 4d. Loaf of brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2–	8–	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal do.	3–	7–	
Bisket of a Copper price		4–	12

Mr. Hollyday one of the Collectors for the Year 1768 appeared and proposed Mr. John Winslow & Mr. Henry Allen as his Bondsmen.

Memo. a Chimney is wanted at the North Watch house.

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 7. 1768 Present. Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches.

Mr. Savage one of the Town Collectors of Taxes for the Year

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1768 appeard and proposed Mr. Archibald McNeill & Mr. Christo. Clark for his Bondsmen —

Mr. Henshaw & Inches a Committee to dispose of the Bulls —

Voted that the Town Clerk have a draft on the Treasurer in part of services —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 14. 1768 Present — Henshaw, Jackson, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches —

Mr. Salter one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1768 — proposed Deacon Salter & Mr. Ray as his Bondsmen for said Year —

Mr. Ruggles one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1768— appeared & proposed his Father & Mr. Caleb Davis as his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust —

Collo. Jackson & Mr. Pemberton a Committee to let & Lease the Stalls of Faneuil Hall Market —

Charles Percy last from Quebeck with 2 Children & who has served 16 Years as a Sergeant in the Army appeared & asked liberty of the Selectmen to set up a Victuelling House for the Soldiery which they consented to —

[**167.**] The Selectmen approve of Mr. John Winslow as a Bondsman for Mr. Hollyday the Collector — of Mr. McNeal for Mr. Savage — of Mr. Salters old Bondsmen — & Mr. Ruggles's old Bondsmen —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decr. 21. 1768 Present Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Hancock, Pemberton, Inches

Mr. Savage one of the Town Collectors presents Capt. McCarthy for one of his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust —

Mr. Hollyday one of the Town Collectors presents Capt. Noah Dogget as two of his Bondsmen for the faithful discharge of his trust —

Capt. McCarthy approved as a Bondsman for Mr. Abraham Savage —

Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 26. 1768 Present — Henshaw

Ordered that the Assize of Bread be set at Wheat [6] / p. bushel and that the Bakers be allowed 6d. p. Bushel for their Charges Pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt —

	lb	oz	dr
A 4d. Loaf of Brown Bread ¾ Wheat ¼ Rye Meal must weigh	2.	8	
a 4d. Ditto not above ½ Indian Meal must weigh	3.	7	
Bisket of a Copper price		4.	12

Passed upon Mr. Joseph Nowells Province Account, amounting to £3. 12. 10¾ as p. Copy on file —

Passed upon Mr. John Hancock Esqr. Province Account amounting to £3 . 8 . 6. as p. Copy on file —

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Passed upon Mrs. Sarah Snows Province Account, amounting to £5 . 2 . 8 — as p. Copy thereof on File —

Mr. Collector Savage bieng sworn & the Bond, examined and accepted by the Selectmen a Certificate was delivered accordingly —

[168.] Boston Ss: At a Meeting of the Selectmen Decemr. 28, 1768 — Present, Henshaw, Jackson, Ruddock, Pemberton Inches.

Mr. Collector Salter having been sworn and his Bonds examined & accepted p. the Selectmen, a Certificate of the same was given to the Assessors

Mr. Collector Ruggles having been sworn and his Bonds examined by the Selectmen, a Certificate of the same was given to the Assessors —

[The printing of the Selectmen's Records is suspended for convenience at this point, as it completes all the meetings for the year 1768. — W. H. W.]

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